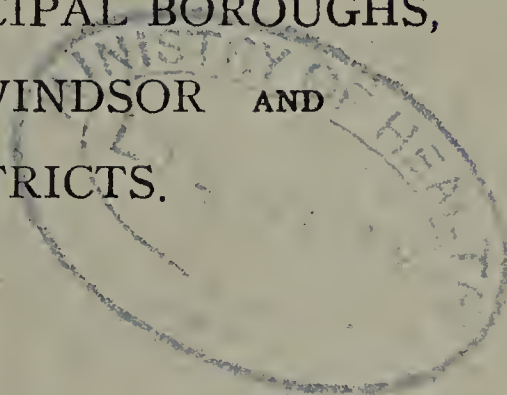


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DISTRICTS of EAST BERKS.*

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the forty-second Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the East Berks United Sanitary Districts. As usual, each district is reported on separately.

The estimated mid-year population of the six districts is **125,853**.

A study of the statistics show 1952 as a good year. Compared with 1951 births have increased, deaths have decreased. There has been a marked decrease in infant deaths and in deaths from tuberculosis.

No deaths took place from typhoid or paratyphoid fever, whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, or acute poliomyelitis.

Ten cases of meningococcal infection were notified, of which 1 proved fatal.

158 cases of scarlet fever were notified, all of a mild type. These were scattered fairly uniformly throughout the six areas.

230 cases of whooping cough were notified. This is almost our most troublesome infectious disease nowadays.

Once again no case of diphtheria occurred.

963 cases of measles were notified, practically all of them mild. Notification appears to be of little real value here. When this disease appears it is usually in explosive waves, and it is quite impossible, with the staff available, to follow up the cases and attempt to limit the spread.

29 confirmed cases of acute poliomyelitis were notified—19 with paralysis, 10 without. Fortunately no bulbar cases occurred, and there were no deaths.

41 cases of food poisoning were notified, chiefly in the Borough of Maidenhead. All were mild in type.

There were 157 cases of dysentery, largely due to shigella sonnei. The bulk of the cases were in Maidenhead. The minute care exercised by all the Sanitary Inspectors in their investigations of outbreaks of intestinal diseases is again worth special comment.

## WATER SUPPLY.

The following table shows the approximate position in the six districts:—

| <i>District.</i>        | <i>No. of Inhabited<br/>Houses.</i> | <i>No. of Houses not<br/>on Main Water Supply.</i> |              |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Maidenhead Borough ...  | 7,770                               | 8                                                  | .1%          |
| Wokingham Borough ...   | 2,701                               | 28                                                 | 1%           |
| Cookham Rural ...       | 3,989                               | 93                                                 | 2.3%         |
| Easthampstead Rural ... | 5,889                               | 21                                                 | .35%         |
| Windsor Rural ...       | 3,443                               | 34                                                 | 1%           |
| Wokingham Rural ...     | 10,094                              | 988                                                | 9.7%         |
|                         | <hr/> 33,886                        | <hr/> 1,172                                        | <hr/> = 3.5% |

These totals do not include a housing estate in Maidenhead of some 80 houses which have a piped supply from a communal well. This is the only piped supply in East Berks which is not protected by chlorination. Over a long period this supply has been pure, although at times of drought it sometimes contains non-fæcal *B. coli*. The position here is being carefully watched. They include a large college in Old Windsor with a population of 300. This college has a piped supply from a shallow well which is of doubtful purity. It is protected by chlorination.

Cookham Rural District, supplied almost entirely by Maidenhead Water Works Company, still has a number of houses in the Cookham and Hurley parishes not on main supply. As these parishes are shortly to have main drainage, the problem of connection to main water supply where possible should be investigated.

Wokingham Rural District supplies from its own wells 78% of the piped water of the district. A source of worry and potential danger has been removed by the closure of the suspect Tagg Lane Bore. The position in this district is not so satisfactory as in the other 5 districts, 9.7% of the inhabited houses coming from wells, against an average of 1.5% for the remainder of East Berks. This matter has been receiving the constant attention of the Water Engineer. Very many of the houses, too, are beyond reasonable distance from an existing main. The Chief Sanitary Inspector's comments are worthy of attention.

## SEWAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Maidenhead Borough is well sewered, and many lengths of new sewer were laid in 1952, including Lee Lane, North Town Moor, Westborough Road, Bath Road, Cannon Court Road and Camley Gardens—a total of over 1,000 yards. The sewage works are, however, overloaded and partly out of date. Rather surprisingly the Ministry, while recognising the necessity for extension and remodelling, have not given consent to the work being put in

hand. There must be a particularly potent reason for this decision not apparent to the local authority, as the necessity is very great.

What must be considered fairly satisfactory progress has been made in Wokingham Rural. I use the word "fairly" in spite of the fact that the report of the Engineer might well be thought to indicate substantial progress. This area has, however, a long way to go, and much lee-way to make up, before it can be considered a safe area. It's needs are greater than the others. Cess-pool emptying is still a major problem, the relief afforded by new sewers at Twyford, etc., being offset by the scavenging of some of the more outlying parishes which, hitherto, have had to make their own arrangements.

Windsor Rural can report progress in that 50% of the new sewers in the only unsewered parish—that of Old Windsor—are now laid.

Easthampstead Rural, as the result of splendid years of endeavour before 1939, are so well served with sewers and sewage works that the small remaining undrained areas, though bad in themselves, are insignificant in comparison with others. This area is remarkable in that it has never, as a local authority, emptied cesspools. The time should not be far distant when 100% main drainage is achieved.

Wokingham Borough is largely sewered, though 65 earth closets and 110 cesspools are still in use among the 2,701 properties in the area. It would be quite uneconomical to connect the majority of these to the sewer especially having regard to the low rateable value of this borough. The sewage works are satisfactory for the moment, though improvements can be effected when the Ministry gives consent.

The Woodlands Park area of Cookham Rural District is now sewered, and the Rural District has asked the Ministry for consent to sewer the parishes of Bray, Cookham and Hurley.

All six authorities are, therefore, making rapid progress, curbed only by other demands on the national economy.

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

All areas have experienced labour difficulties during the year, with an inevitable slight lowering of standard. Controlled tipping remains not only the ideal to be aimed at, but also what must be insisted on in order to prevent nuisance. In this connection Mr. Rowsell's remarks on Page 88 are worthy of reiteration here—"It is probably true to say that 50% of refuse collected need never reach the dustbin if householders made more effort to dispose of it themselves by burning, burying, etc. The quantity of waste paper that finds its way into dustbins, in spite of salvage appeals, is enormous; and, once mixed with the general refuse, it is normally of no value as salvage, while constituting a serious problem at the tip."

## SOME COUNCIL HOUSING FIGURES.

|                                                              | Maiden-<br>head<br>Borough | Woking-<br>ham<br>Borough | Cookham<br>Rural<br>District | East-<br>hampst'd<br>Rural<br>District | Windsor<br>Rural<br>District | Woking-<br>ham<br>Rural<br>District. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Pre-war Council Houses ... ..                                | 411                        | 58                        | 133                          | 140                                    | 88                           | 410                                  |
| Post-war Permanent Council Houses                            | 584                        | 193                       | 204                          | 335                                    | 289                          | 517                                  |
| Post-war Semi-permanent Council<br>Houses ... ..             | 100                        | 47                        | 30                           | —                                      | —                            | —                                    |
| Post-war temporary dwellings—<br>hut type ... ..             | —                          | 33                        | 25                           | 201                                    | 209                          | 101                                  |
| Post-war requisitioned premises still<br>in use ... ..       | 35<br>(52<br>families)     | 10<br>(25<br>families)    | 17                           | 3                                      | 88                           | 38<br>(45<br>families)               |
| Families on Council Housing list,<br>other than above ... .. | 1,063                      | 536                       | 420                          | 564                                    | 355                          | 1,110                                |

## HOUSING.

Very many houses in East Berks—as in other areas—are in such a bad way that, to attempt to repair them in order to make them fit to live in, is an almost impossible task under existing circumstances. One of the existing circumstances is that rents have not increased to keep pace with the increased cost of repairs; another is that some of the houses belong to people who, from the commencement of their ownership, have never been financially able to maintain them; another is that some belong to speculators; another is that some of them have bad tenants, and some bad landlords; another is that some of them were hastily built of bad materials 80 to 100 years ago and are decayed quite beyond repair; another is that some of them are from 100 to 300 or 400 years old, and, while still structurally sound, have scarcely a single amenity which modern living standards require.

Many of these houses could be repaired at an “unreasonable cost,” and the 1949 Housing Act has made grants available for the purpose. Few owners in this area, however, have taken advantage of the Act. I believe that we, as local authorities, are partly to blame for this. We have probably laid too much stress on the “thirty years’ life” clause, forgetting that some of these houses will still be occupied in thirty years, whether or not they are ever put into a proper state of repair. The list of applicants for new Council houses is not likely to lessen much in the foreseeable future, and unfit houses will be demolished almost imperceptibly for many years to come. With so many tenants of old houses paying a total in weekly rent and rates of not more than from 6/6 to 10/6 the position is so manifestly absurd that it makes mockery of the hope of any constructive solution to the problem. Swift action at the highest level is necessary not only in the interests of the tenants and landlords, but also of the houses.

As things are, tenants of houses keep sending in complaints of housing defects; are visited by Sanitary Inspectors who only too often have to tell them that nothing can be done for months, if at all; owners are written to who are either unwilling or unable to carry out the repairs; Statutory Notices are served to try to bring pressure to bear; these may be successful, or Court action may follow which may result in an Order being made for the repairs to be done; many months may even then elapse before they are done. The expenditure of time and labour over sometimes, small matters, is enormous; and the disputes and bad feeling engendered so detrimental to the good relations which should exist between landlord and tenant, that some formula should be found, to solve what appears to be an unsolvable problem.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

“The Wilderness,”

Cookham Road,

Maidenhead.

Telephone—Maidenhead 549.

W. B. MOORE,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

*July, 1953.*

# Maidenhead

## Municipal Borough.

### STATISTICS.

|                                                                            |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Area (in acres) ... ..                                                     | 5,007    |
| Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book<br>at end of 1952 ... .. | 7,770    |
| Rateable Value, 1st April, 1953 ... ..                                     | £234,562 |
| Product of a Penny Rate ... ..                                             | £939     |
| <i>Population</i> (estimated mid-year) ... ..                              | 27,250   |

#### *Live Births*

|                     | <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i><br>( <i>M. &amp; F.</i> ) |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------------|
| Legitimate ... ..   | 223       | 196       | 419                                    |
| Illegitimate ... .. | 15        | 7         | 22                                     |
| Total ... ..        | 238       | 203       | 441                                    |

|                                                                             |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| <i>Live Birth Rate</i> ( <i>actual</i> ) ( <i>per</i> 1,000 population) ... | 16.2 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|

#### *Live Birth Rate* (*corrected*)

If Maidenhead Borough had a population with the same age and sex groups as the country as a whole, the following are the comparable rates:—

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Maidenhead Borough ... .. | 16.04 |
| England & Wales ... ..    | 15.3  |

#### *Still Births*

| <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 5         | 3         | 8            |

#### *Still Birth Rate* (*per* 1,000 population)

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Maidenhead Borough ... .. | 0.29 |
| England & Wales ... ..    | 0.35 |

#### *Deaths* (*all causes*)

| <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 154       | 167       | 321          |

|                                                                           |      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| <i>Death Rate</i> ( <i>actual</i> ) ( <i>per</i> 1,000 population) ... .. | 11.8 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|

#### *Death Rate* (*corrected*)

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Maidenhead Borough ... .. | 10.4 |
| England & Wales ... ..    | 11.3 |

## MAIDENHEAD MUNICIPAL BOROUGH

*Infant Deaths*

|                     | <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Legitimate ... ..   | 3         | 2         | 5            |
| Illegitimate ... .. | 0         | 0         | 0            |
| Total . . . . .     | 3         | 2         | 5            |

*Infant Death Rate* (per 1,000 live births)

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Maidenhead Borough ... .. | 11.3 |
| England & Wales ... ..    | 27.6 |

*Deaths Under 4 Weeks of Age*

|                     | <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Legitimate ... ..   | 3         | 2         | 5            |
| Illegitimate ... .. | 0         | 0         | 0            |
| Total ... ..        | 3         | 2         | 5            |

*Tuberculosis Deaths*

|                    | <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Respiratory ... .. | 5         | 1         | 6            |
| Other ... ..       | 1         | 0         | 1            |
| Total ... ..       | 6         | 1         | 7            |

*Tuberculosis Death Rate* (per 1,000 population)

|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Respiratory ... ..               | 0.22 |
| Other ... ..                     | 0.04 |
| All forms ... ..                 | 0.26 |
| England & Wales—all forms ... .. | 0.24 |

*Maternal Deaths* ... .. Nil.

*Enteritis & Diarrhoea Under 2 Years of Age*

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Rate per 1,000 live births |     |
| England & Wales ... ..     | 1.1 |

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES DEATH RATE.

(Not including Tuberculosis).

|                                           | <i>Maidenhead<br/>Borough.</i> | <i>England<br/>&amp; Wales.</i> |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever ...         | 0.00                           | 0.00                            |
| Whooping Cough ... ..                     | 0.00                           | 0.00                            |
| Diphtheria ... ..                         | 0.00                           | 0.00                            |
| Influenza ... ..                          | 0.00                           | 0.04                            |
| Smallpox ... ..                           | 0.00                           | 0.00                            |
| Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis | 0.00                           | 0.01                            |
| Pneumonia ... ..                          | 0.47                           | 0.47                            |
| Measles ... ..                            | 0.00                           | —                               |

## MAIDENHEAD MUNICIPAL BOROUGH

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN MAIDENHEAD BOROUGH, 1952.

| CAUSES OF DEATH. |                                         |     |     |     |     | Males | Females |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|---------|
| ALL CAUSES.      |                                         |     |     |     |     | 154   | 167     |
| 1.               | Tuberculosis, respiratory               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5     | 1       |
| 2.               | Tuberculosis, other                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     | —       |
| 3.               | Syphilitic disease                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 4.               | Diphtheria                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 5.               | Whooping Cough                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 6.               | Meningococcal infections                | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 7.               | Acute poliomyelitis                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 8.               | Measles                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 9.               | Other infective and parasitic diseases  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     | —       |
| 10.              | Malignant neoplasm, stomach             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8     | 3       |
| 11.              | Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11    | 3       |
| 12.              | Malignant neoplasm, breast              | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 5       |
| 13.              | Malignant neoplasm, uterus              | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 3       |
| 14.              | Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11    | 21      |
| 15.              | Leukaemia, aleukaemia                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 1       |
| 16.              | Diabetes                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     | 1       |
| 17.              | Vascular lesions of nervous system      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13    | 27      |
| 18.              | Coronary Disease, angina                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25    | 14      |
| 19.              | Hypertension with heart disease         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5     | 7       |
| 20.              | Other heart disease                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25    | 37      |
| 21.              | Other circulatory disease               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7     | 6       |
| 22.              | Influenza                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 23.              | Pneumonia                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7     | 6       |
| 24.              | Bronchitis                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12    | 9       |
| 25.              | Other diseases of respiratory system    | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 1       |
| 26.              | Ulcer of stomach and duodenum           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5     | —       |
| 27.              | Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea      | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 2       |
| 28.              | Nephritis and nephrosis                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 2       |
| 29.              | Hyperplasia of prostate                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     | —       |
| 30.              | Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion         | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 31.              | Congenital malformations                | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 1       |
| 32.              | Other defined and ill-defined diseases  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11    | 12      |
| 33.              | Motor vehicle accidents                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2     | 1       |
| 34.              | All other accidents                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2     | 4       |
| 35.              | Suicide                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     | —       |
| 36.              | Homicide and operations of war          | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

## IMMUNISATION.

During the year 338 children were immunised against Diphtheria for the first time. One hundred and seventy-six children received re-inforcing injection.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below:—

## MAIDENHEAD MUNICIPAL BOROUGH

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1952.

*(other than Tuberculosis).*

|                                                   |     |     |     | <i>Rate per 1,000 civilian population.</i> |                   |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|                                                   |     |     |     | <i>Total</i>                               | <i>Maidenhead</i> | <i>England</i>      |
|                                                   |     |     |     | <i>cases</i>                               | <i>Borough.</i>   | <i>&amp; Wales.</i> |
|                                                   |     |     |     | <i>notified.</i>                           |                   |                     |
| Typhoid fever                                     | ... | ... | ... | 0                                          | 0.00              | 0.00                |
| Paratyphoid fever                                 | ... | ... | ... | 1                                          | 0.04              | 0.02                |
| Meningococcal infection                           | ... | ... | ... | 4                                          | 0.16              | 0.03                |
| Scarlet fever                                     | ... | ... | ... | 34                                         | 1.36              | 1.53                |
| Whooping cough                                    | ... | ... | ... | 43                                         | 1.72              | 2.61                |
| Diphtheria                                        | ... | ... | ... | 0                                          | 0.00              | 0.01                |
| Erysipelas                                        | ... | ... | ... | 3                                          | 0.12              | 0.14                |
| Smallpox                                          | ... | ... | ... | 0                                          | 0.00              | 0.00                |
| Measles                                           | ... | ... | ... | 210                                        | 8.40              | 8.86                |
| Pneumonia                                         | ... | ... | ... | 26                                         | 1.24              | 0.72                |
| Acute poliomyelitis (including polioencephalitis) |     |     |     |                                            |                   |                     |
| (a) Paralytic                                     | ... | ... | ... | 7                                          | 0.28              | 0.06                |
| (b) Non-paralytic                                 | ... | ... | ... | 6                                          | 0.24              | 0.03                |
| Food poisoning                                    | ... | ... | ... | 34                                         | 1.36              | 0.13                |
| Puerperal pyrexia                                 | ... | ... | ... | 0                                          | 0.00              | 17.87               |
| <i>(Rate per 1,000 Total Births)</i>              |     |     |     |                                            |                   |                     |
| Dysentery                                         | ... | ... | ... | 116                                        | 4.64              | —                   |
| Malaria                                           | ... | ... | ... | 1                                          | 0.04              | —                   |

## AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1952.

| <i>Disease.</i>         | <i>Years:</i> | 0- | 1- | 2- | 3- | 4- | 5-  | 10- | 15- | 20- | 35- | 45- | 65- |
|-------------------------|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Dysentery               | ...           | 4  | 6  | 4  | 11 | 7  | 37  | 11  | 4   | 17  | 7   | 6   | 2   |
| Erysipelas              | ...           | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —   | 2   | —   |
| Food poisoning          | ...           | 1  | 2  | 1  | —  | —  | 3   | —   | —   | 2   | 1   | 3   | 21  |
| Malaria                 | ...           | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —   | —   | —   |
| Measles                 | ...           | 4  | 18 | 23 | 18 | 30 | 110 | 3   | 2   | 1   | 1   | —   | —   |
| Meningococcal Infection | ...           | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | 1   | —   | 1   | —   | 1   | —   | 1   |
| Pneumonia               | ...           | —  | —  | —  | 1  | —  | 1   | —   | —   | 2   | 6   | 9   | 7   |
| Poliomyelitis           | ...           | —  | 1  | —  | —  | 1  | 6   | —   | 2   | 3   | —   | —   | —   |
| Scarlet fever           | ...           | —  | 1  | —  | 2  | 3  | 23  | 2   | 1   | 2   | —   | —   | —   |
| Whooping Cough          |               | 8  | 3  | 1  | 7  | 6  | 15  | 1   | —   | 2   | —   | —   | —   |

## MAIDENHEAD MUNICIPAL BOROUGH

## TUBERCULOSIS.

| Age Groups       | NEW CASES  |    |           |    | DEATHS     |    |           |    |
|------------------|------------|----|-----------|----|------------|----|-----------|----|
|                  | Pulmonary. |    | Non-Pulm. |    | Pulmonary. |    | Non-Pulm. |    |
|                  | M.         | F. | M.        | F. | M.         | F. | M.        | F. |
| Under 1 year ... | —          | —  | —         | —  | —          | —  | —         | —  |
| 1— 5 years ...   | 1          | —  | —         | 1  | —          | —  | 1         | —  |
| 5—15 „ ...       | —          | 1  | —         | —  | —          | —  | —         | —  |
| 15—25 „ ...      | 3          | 2  | —         | —  | —          | —  | —         | —  |
| 25—35 „ ...      | 3          | 3  | 1         | —  | 1          | —  | —         | —  |
| 35—45 „ ...      | 1          | 2  | —         | —  | —          | 1  | —         | —  |
| 45—55 „ ...      | —          | 1  | —         | —  | —          | —  | —         | —  |
| 55—65 „ ...      | 1          | 1  | —         | —  | 4          | —  | —         | —  |
| 65 and over ...  | 2          | 1  | —         | —  | —          | —  | —         | —  |
| Totals ...       | 11         | 11 | 1         | 1  | 5          | 1  | 1         | —  |

MAIDENHEAD WATERWORKS COMPANY.  
CHEMICAL EXAMINATION.

| Physical Characters.                      |     |     |     | Maidenhead Wells.           | Cookham Wells.   |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Reaction                                  | ... | ... | ... | Very Slightly Acid (PH=6.9) | Neutral (PH=7.0) |
| Colour in 2ft. stratum                    |     | ... |     | Clear Pale Blue             | Clear Pale Blue  |
| Suspended Matters                         | ... | ... |     | Nil                         | Nil              |
| Taste                                     | ... | ... | ... | Nil                         | Nil              |
| Odour when warmed to 37° c.               |     |     |     |                             |                  |
| Chemical Characters.                      |     |     |     |                             |                  |
| Total Solids dried at 100° c.             |     |     |     | 49.2                        | 49.6             |
| Loss on Ignition (after re-car.)          |     |     |     | 3.5                         | 4.5              |
| Chlorine in Chlorides                     | ... |     |     | 3.80                        | 2.70             |
| Chlorine $\times 1.647$ = Sodium Chloride | ... | ... | ... | 6.26                        | 4.44             |
| Nitrates                                  | ... | ... | ... | Nil                         | Faint trace      |
| Nitrogen as Nitrates                      |     | ... |     | 0.85                        | 1.00             |
| Saline Ammonia                            | ... | ... |     | 0.0012                      | 0.0012           |
| Albumoid Ammonia                          | ... | ... |     | 0.003                       | 0.0018           |
| Oxygen absorbed in 3 hours at 37° c.      | ... | ... | ... | 0.014                       | 0.014            |
| Total Hardness ( Parts                    |     |     |     | 29.0                        | 29.0             |
| Temp'ary Hardness ( per                   |     |     |     | 23.0                        | 22.0             |
| Perm'n't Hardness ( 100,000               |     |     |     | 6.0                         | 7.0              |

Seventy samples of water from the Maidenhead wells and seventy samples from the Cookham wells were tested during the year. All were certified as satisfactory.

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## REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

*Heath Department,  
"The Wilderness,"  
Cookham Road,  
Maidenhead.*

(Tel.: Maidenhead 549/550).

To: DR. W. B. MOORE,  
*Medical Officer of Health.*

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in presenting the report on the work carried out during the year ending 31st December, 1952.

## STAFF.

*Sanitary Inspectors.*

|                     |                                   |         |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Frederick G. Bishop | — Chief Sanitary Inspector        | 1/8/40  |
| A. Dennis M. Jones  | — Deputy Chief Sanitary Inspector | 11/2/35 |
| Gerald H. Penford   | — Additional Sanitary Inspector,  | 4/2/36  |
|                     | resigned                          | 15/3/52 |
| William J. Lincoln  | — Additional Sanitary Inspector   | 1/5/52  |

*Student Assistant.*

|                                              |     |        |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Derek B. Woolford (Serving with H.M. Forces) | ... | 1/1/49 |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|--------|

*Clerical Staff.*

|                  |     |     |     |     |     |     |        |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Kenneth Wheeler  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1/2/40 |
| Maureen E. Perry | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1/1/49 |

*Other Staff.*

|                                                  |     |     |     |     |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| John S. Elton, General Assistant                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30/4/51  |
| Henry C. Kirby, Van Driver and Disinfector       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11/2/46  |
| Albert Brewster, Rodent Operator, Part-time      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18/6/51  |
| Samuel W. T. Arthurs, Rodent Operator, Part-time | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12/11/51 |

## SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS :

|                                                   |     |     |     |     |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Complaints received and given attention           | ... | ... | ... | 581 |
| Premises on Complaints (excluding Rodent Control) | ... | ... | ... | 460 |
| Dairies and Milk Distributors' Premises           | ... | ... | ... | 138 |
| Pasteurising Plants                               | ... | ... | ... | 60  |
| Milk delivery vehicles                            | ... | ... | ... | 46  |
| Bakehouses                                        | ... | ... | ... | 49  |
| Ice Cream Premises                                | ... | ... | ... | 158 |
| Other Food Premises                               | ... | ... | ... | 667 |
| Byelaws—Food Handling                             | ... | ... | ... | 503 |

|                                                            |     |     |     |     |     |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Public Health (Meat) Regulations                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 47    |
| Meat Transport Vehicles                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 124   |
| Food Inspection                                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 223   |
| Water Supplies                                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 65    |
| Housing                                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 977   |
| Underground Rooms                                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15    |
| Shed Dwellings                                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4     |
| Moveable Dwellings                                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 321   |
| Common Lodging House                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4     |
| Dangerous Structures                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7     |
| Infectious Disease                                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,154 |
| Smoke Abatement                                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25    |
| Public Swimming Pool                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3     |
| Factories with Mechanical Power                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 179   |
| Factories without Mechanical Power                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27    |
| Building Operations                                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 77    |
| Shops Acts (including hours of closing and Sunday trading) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 739   |
| Cinemas                                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14    |
| Rag Flock and Filling Materials                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4     |
| Knacker's Yard                                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4     |
| Pig Sties and Poultry Runs                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 51    |
| Pet Shops                                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8     |
| Drainage Inspections                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 564   |
| Cesspools                                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 137   |
| Sewage Works                                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8     |
| Refuse Tips                                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14    |
| Public Conveniences                                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 47    |
| Streams                                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7     |
| Prevention of Damage by Pests Act                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 54    |
| Other Visits and Re-visits                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,277 |

## NOTICES.

|                                                      |     |     |     |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| No. of informal notices served during the year       | ... | ... | 341 |
| „ „ notices outstanding from 1951                    | ... | ... | 77  |
| „ „ informal notices complied with during the year   | ... | ... | 334 |
| „ „ informal notices outstanding at end of the year  | ... | ... | 52  |
| „ „ formal notices served during the year            | ... | ... | 32  |
| „ „ formal notices complied with during the year     | ... | ... | 17  |
| Work carried out by Local Authority in default       | ... | ... | 1   |
| No. of formal notices outstanding at end of the year | ... | ... | 14  |

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## WATER SUPPLY.

## PRIVATE SUPPLIES.

There are 8 shallow tube wells in the Borough from which water is drawn for domestic purposes. There are 3 deep bore wells in factory premises.

Of 22 samples of water submitted for bacteriological examination, 6 were found to be of unsatisfactory bacteriological standard, but only one of these contained faecal *B. coli*.

Ten samples of water were submitted for chemical analysis, of which one was found to be unsatisfactory and one of doubtful purity.

On a private estate which is supplied with water in pipes from a shallow tube well, the water was found to be of doubtful chemical purity and the bacteriological standard was variable. The pump was in a worn condition and was renewed; the storage tank was cleaned. The water could not be regarded as unfit for drinking.

A caravan was discovered on an unlicensed site on which there was a tube well and pump; the water from this pump was found on examination to contain faecal *B. coli*. The caravan was removed from the site.

The supply of water to one part of a building used for business purposes was found to be unsatisfactory although samples taken in another part of the building were satisfactory. It was found that a well situated in an adjoining authority's district was in use; the service to the premises was subsequently re-connected to a mains supply.

One occupied building is supplied with water from a shallow tube well; this water is chlorinated before distribution in pipes and samples of the water were found to be satisfactory.

## HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Act, etc., during the past year is as follows:—

1. *Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year:*

|     |     |                                                                                                            |     |
|-----|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| (1) | (a) | Total Number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... .. | 311 |
|     | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose ...                                                             | 977 |

|                                                                                |     |                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |     |     |     |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| (2)                                                                            | (a) | Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 31   |
|                                                                                | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose                                                                                                                                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50   |
| (3)                                                                            |     | Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation                                                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3    |
| (4)                                                                            |     | Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 221  |
| 2. <i>Remedy of Defects during the Year without service of Formal Notices:</i> |     |                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |     |     |     |      |
|                                                                                |     | Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers                                                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | *219 |
| * Including outstanding notices from 1951.                                     |     |                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |     |     |     |      |
| 3. <i>Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:</i>                       |     |                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |     |     |     |      |
| A. <i>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:</i>    |     |                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |     |     |     |      |
| (1)                                                                            |     | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs                                                                                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1    |
| (2)                                                                            |     | Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:                                                                                                  |     |     |     |     |      |
|                                                                                | (a) | By Owners                                                                                                                                                                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |
|                                                                                | (b) | By Local Authority in default of Owners                                                                                                                                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |
| B. <i>Proceedings under Public Health Acts:</i>                                |     |                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |     |     |     |      |
| (1)                                                                            |     | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied                                                                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22   |
| (2)                                                                            |     | Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—                                                                                          |     |     |     |     |      |
|                                                                                | (a) | By Owners                                                                                                                                                                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16   |
|                                                                                | (b) | By Local Authority in default of Owners                                                                                                                                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |

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C. *Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Acts, 1936:*

|                                                                               |        |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | ... .. | 7    |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Undertakings were accepted  | ... .. | Nil. |
| (3) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders    | ... .. | 6    |

D. *Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:*

|                                                                                         |        |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------|
| (1) Number of underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made            | ... .. | 3    |
| (2) Number of underground rooms in respect of which Undertakings were accepted          | ... .. | Nil. |
| (3) Number of underground rooms rendered fit for habitation and Undertakings determined | ... .. | Nil. |
| (4) Parts of buildings in respect of which Undertakings were accepted                   | ... .. | Nil. |

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

There are still many houses, including some of the Council's houses, in which more than one family are living under congested conditions sharing kitchens and other conveniences. Rather than share accommodation with other persons, many families prefer to live in caravans.

## CARAVAN SITES.

The number of applicants for licences in respect of moveable dwellings has revealed no decrease in the demand for this type of accommodation during the current year. As in former years the indiscriminate use of unlicensed sites has been kept under effective control.

There have unfortunately been unavoidable delays in the development of the additional Council site envisaged in last year's report, but it is hoped that this site, providing accommodation for 24 caravans, will become available early next year.

The following table indicates the distribution of caravans in the Borough on the 31st December, 1952, compared with the corresponding distribution on 31st December, 1951.

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|                     | 31st December, 1951     | 31st December, 1952     |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                     | <i>No. of Caravans.</i> | <i>No. of Caravans.</i> |
| Two Council Sites   | 27<br>16                | 26<br>17                |
| Four Private Sites  | 1<br>4<br>2<br>2        | 1<br>5<br>1<br>—        |
| Individual Caravans | 25                      | 30                      |
| TOTALS              | 77                      | 80                      |

## MILK AND DAIRIES.

*Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949:*

## Number on Register:—

|                                     |     |     |     |     |    |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Premises used as Dairies            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Distributors of Milk                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| Number of contraventions discovered | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| „ „ „ remedied                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |

*Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:*

|                                               |     |     |    |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|
| Dealers' Licences—Tuberculin Tested Milk      | ... | ... | 12 |
| Supplementary Licences—Tuberculin Tested Milk | ... | ... | 2  |

*Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949:*

|                                                                      |     |     |     |   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Dealers' Pasteurisers Licences (granted by Berkshire County Council) | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Dealers' Licences—Pasteurised Milk                                   | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| Supplementary Licences—Pasteurised Milk                              | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Dealers' Licence—Sterilised Milk                                     | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Supplementary Licence—Sterilised Milk                                | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

Three dealers' pasteurisers licences were granted by the Berkshire County Council for the year ending 31st December, 1953, but the Borough Council are now responsible for the licensing and supervision of pasteurising establishments by virtue of powers delegated by the County Council.

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Samples of pasteurised milk and washed bottles taken over a period from one of these premises were found to be unsatisfactory.. Advice was given to the licensee regarding the process and the question of renewal of some of the plant was discussed; the licensee ultimately discontinued pasteurising and bottling milk on the premises and arranged for bottled milk to be supplied from another licensed dealer.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK SAMPLES :

|                                             |     |     |  | <i>Methylene Blue Test.</i>      |                              |                             | <i>Turbidity Test.</i>           |                              |                              |                   |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|-----|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                             |     |     |  | <i>Total No.<br/>of Samples.</i> | <i>Satisfactory</i>          | <i>Unsatis-<br/>factory</i> | <i>Total No.<br/>of Samples.</i> | <i>Satisfactory</i>          | <i>Unsatis-<br/>factory.</i> |                   |
| Tuberculin Tested                           |     |     |  |                                  |                              |                             |                                  |                              |                              |                   |
| Milk                                        | ... | ... |  | 1                                | 1                            | —                           | —                                | —                            | —                            |                   |
| Accredited Milk                             | ... | ... |  | 2                                | 2                            | —                           | —                                | —                            | —                            |                   |
| Non-designated Milk                         | ... | ... |  | 2                                | 2                            | —                           | —                                | —                            | —                            |                   |
| Sterilised Milk                             | ... | ... |  | —                                | —                            | —                           | 1                                | 1                            | —                            |                   |
|                                             |     |     |  | <i>Methylene Blue Test.</i>      |                              |                             | <i>Phosphatase Test.</i>         |                              |                              |                   |
| <i>Total</i>                                |     |     |  | <i>Satisfactory</i>              | <i>Unsatis-<br/>factory.</i> | <i>Test Void.</i>           | <i>Satisfactory</i>              | <i>Unsatis-<br/>factory.</i> | <i>Not<br/>Examined.</i>     | <i>Test Void.</i> |
| Tuberculin Tested<br>(Pasteurised)          |     |     |  |                                  |                              |                             |                                  |                              |                              |                   |
| Milk                                        | ... | 25  |  | 18                               | —                            | 7                           | 23                               | 2                            | —                            | —                 |
| Pasteurised Milk<br>(excluding school milk) |     |     |  |                                  |                              |                             |                                  |                              |                              |                   |
| ...                                         | ... | 39  |  | 29                               | 2                            | 8                           | 35                               | 3                            | 1                            | —                 |
| Pasteurised Milk<br>(school milk)           |     |     |  |                                  |                              |                             |                                  |                              |                              |                   |
| ...                                         | ... | 12  |  | 7                                | —                            | 5                           | 12                               | —                            | —                            | —                 |

A careful check has been maintained on milk supplied in the Borough. The dairymen have always co-operated willingly with the local authority's officers and the voluntary scheme under which all bottled milk distributed in the town is of a special designation has continued to operate successfully. By this arrangement Maidenhead is well prepared for any proposals which may be made in the future for including this district in a specified area.

*Biological Examination of Milk Samples for Presence of Tubercle Bacilli.*

Four samples of raw milk were submitted for examination for the presence of Tubercle Bacilli. In each case the report indicated that the milk was not infected with Tubercle Bacilli.

ICE CREAM.

No. of Registered Premises:—

|                     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| (a) for manufacture | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| (b) for sale        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 80 |

*Bacteriological Examination of Ice Cream Samples.*

|                                                       |     |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| No. of samples of Ice Cream submitted for examination | ... | 69 |
| No. of samples Provisional Grade 1                    | ... | 5  |
| No. of samples Provisional Grade 2                    | ... | 47 |
| No. of samples Provisional Grade 3                    | ... | 14 |
| No. of samples Provisional Grade 4                    | ... | 3  |

The number of premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream increased by twenty-one during the year. The number of samples submitted for bacteriological examination was also considerably higher than in 1951 and it is gratifying to record that 75% of the samples submitted were placed in Grades I and II. The positive efforts made towards securing higher bacteriological standards by means of frequent inspections, advice and assistance and the application of relevant legislation, have produced encouraging results; these efforts are continuing.

MEAT.

Since the Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse was closed in February, 1951, Maidenhead butchers have been supplied with home-killed meat from Reading Abattoir.

Home-killed meat is still carried on the floors of the transport vehicles but, until meat can be transported in vehicles equipped for hanging quarters of beef and heavy carcasses, this practice is not likely to cease.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 18 bakehouses situated within the Borough.

During the year 49 inspections were made and conditions were found to be generally satisfactory.

Lime-washing was requested at 4 premises and in each case this work was carried out without delay.

REGISTERED FOOD PREMISES.

In addition to the 83 premises registered for the manufacture or sale of ice cream, there are 25 premises registered under Section 14 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938.

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These premises are frequently inspected and a satisfactory standard has, in general, been maintained. A total of 578 inspections of food premises have been made by the Sanitary Inspectors.

## CAFES AND RESTAURANTS.

Routine visits to cafes and restaurants, including factory canteens, were made. The premises, the food, utensils and sanitary conveniences have been inspected, particular attention being given to the washing of crockery, cutlery and other utensils.

## PUBLIC HOUSES.

Many improvements to public houses have been carried out voluntarily. Experience has shown that informal approach and discussion of any particular problem or conditions at public houses secures the co-operation of the persons concerned.

## FOOD BYELAWS.

A total of 503 visits have been made to ensure that the requirements of the Byelaws are being observed.

In addition, it is second nature to the Sanitary Inspectors when visiting food premises to note the manner in which food is displayed or handled, whatever the primary reason for their visit may be.

In two cases it was found that an employee wearing a bandage was handling food in a retail shop. In each case the employee was stopped from handling food by the manager of the shop.

## FOOD INSPECTION AND UNSOUND FOOD.

A total of 223 visits have been made for the primary purpose of inspecting food sold or intended for sale. Periodic inspections have been made at school canteens where the condition and quality of purchased food has been checked.

The following table gives the amounts of foodstuffs from various premises in the town which were condemned, surrendered and disposed of, after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption:—

|                 |     |     |            |                    |     |             |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------------|--------------------|-----|-------------|
| Bacon           | ... | ... | 11 lbs.    | Meat (Home-killed) | ..  | 302 lbs.    |
| Black Puddings  | ... | ... | 14 lbs.    | Meat Pies          | ... | 81          |
| Cake            | ... | ... | 2 lbs.     | Sausages           | ... | 118 lbs.    |
| Cheese          | ... | ... | 25 lbs.    | Sausage Rolls      | ... | 28          |
| Chicken         | ... | ... | 6 lbs.     | Savoury Ducks      | ... | 72 lbs.     |
| Chocolate Rolls | ... | ... | 113        | Spaghetti          | ... | 42 lbs.     |
| Confectionery   | ... | ... | 80 lbs.    | Various Foods      | ... | 1,228 tins. |
| Cooked Ham      | ... | ... | 2 lbs.     | Various Foods      | ... | 85 pkts.    |
| Fish            | ... | ... | 480 lbs.   | Various Foods      | ... | 35 jars.    |
| Fruit Pulp      | ... | ... | 2,296 lbs. | Various Foods      | ... | 2 btls.     |
| Liver Sausage   | ... | ... | 7 lbs.     |                    |     |             |

## FOOD AND DRUGS.

Eighty-one samples of food and drugs were procured during the year, details of which are given in the following table:—

| <i>Article</i>       | <i>Formal</i>                     |                                      | <i>Informal</i>                   |                                      |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                      | <i>Number<br/>of<br/>Samples.</i> | <i>Number<br/>adulter-<br/>ated.</i> | <i>Number<br/>of<br/>Samples.</i> | <i>Number<br/>adulter-<br/>ated.</i> |
| Aspirin Tablets ...  | —                                 | —                                    | 1                                 | —                                    |
| Baking Powder ...    | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Butter ... ..        | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Cake & Pud'g Mixt.   | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Camphorated Oil ...  | —                                 | —                                    | 1                                 | —                                    |
| Christmas Pudding    | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Cocoa ... ..         | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Coffee ... ..        | 3                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Coffee & Chic'y Ess. | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Cornflour ... ..     | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Custard Powder ...   | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Fish Cakes ... ..    | 2                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Garden Peas ...      | —                                 | —                                    | 1                                 | —                                    |
| Ground Almonds       | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Ground Rice ...      | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Ice Cream ... ..     | 5                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Lemonade Crystals    | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Lemon Curd ...       | —                                 | —                                    | 1                                 | —                                    |
| Liver Sausage ...    | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Margarine ... ..     | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Marmalade ... ..     | —                                 | —                                    | 1                                 | —                                    |
| Meat Paste ... ..    | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Milk ... ..          | 26                                | —                                    | 1                                 | 1                                    |
| Mincemeat ... ..     | 1                                 | —                                    | 1                                 | —                                    |
| Parrish's Food ...   | —                                 | —                                    | 1                                 | —                                    |
| Pepper ... ..        | 2                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Pork Brawn ...       | 2                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Raspberry Jam ...    | —                                 | —                                    | 1                                 | —                                    |
| Sausage Meat, Beef   | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Sausages, Beef ...   | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Sausages, Pork ...   | 4                                 | 1                                    | 1                                 | —                                    |
| Semolina ... ..      | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Soda Bicarbonate     | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Sweetened Sponge     |                                   |                                      |                                   |                                      |
| Mixture ... ..       | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Syn. Cream Pwdr.     | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Table Jelly ... ..   | 1                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Vinegar, Malt ...    | 3                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |
| Whisky ... ..        | 2                                 | —                                    | —                                 | —                                    |

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One informal sample of milk was reported as adulterated (Fat 2.85% Solids not fat 8.17%); formal samples purchased before and after this sample was taken were found to be satisfactory. The Health Committee decided to send a warning letter to the vendor drawing attention to the deficiency.

One formal sample of pork sausages was reported as adulterated (meat content 60%), but the Public Analyst advised that the deficiency in meat content was within the limit of tolerance allowed for variations in the composition of meat.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

By virtue of their close association with the Medical Officer of Health, Sanitary Inspectors have a prominent place in the work of infectious disease control. In combating infectious disease the value of mutual co-operation between all parties concerned was evident during an outbreak of sonne dysentery.

On the 1st March, 1952 a case of dysentery notified by a local doctor was investigated and a report made to the Medical Officer of Health. The examination of fæces specimens from contacts revealed that other persons in the patient's family were infected. The Medical Officer of Health discussed with the Sanitary Inspectors the course of action and procedure to be adopted and it was decided that a full investigation would be made of all notified cases, contacts, and in any case which came to our knowledge where there was a history of diarrhoea.

The Health Department and the local doctors, by their united action and prompt exchange of information, soon had the outbreak under control. In addition to the treatment of known cases, suspected cases were examined and, in many cases, prophylactic treatment was given.

The schoolteachers co-operated by giving information relating to children absent from school, and enquiries were made in all cases where the reason for absence was given as diarrhoea or was unknown. All information given by relatives or friends of persons thought to be suffering from dysentery was checked. The public were advised to consult their doctor if any member of the family became ill with diarrhoea.

It was found that, although this disease causes considerable discomfort and is quickly spread, many persons infected had failed to seek medical advice or treatment; every such person was advised to consult his or her family doctor and the doctor concerned was informed accordingly.

More than a thousand visits were made by the Sanitary Inspectors and specimens of fæces from 389 persons were submitted to the Director of the Public Health Laboratory, Reading, for examination.

A total of 112 persons were notified as suffering from dysentery, 15 of whom were treated in the Isolation Hospital.

By the middle of July the outbreak had been cleared and although much tedious work was involved in the investigations, it is felt that the effort was well worth making.

### DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION.

Advice is given on current disinfection in all cases where the patient is nursed at home and any necessary assistance in the disinfection of bedding and clothing is given. Terminal disinfection, where necessary, is undertaken by the Health Department.

With regard to the disinfestation of premises and articles for the destruction of vermin, advice and assistance is given in all cases coming to the notice of the Sanitary Inspectors on routine inspections or by way of complaint.

#### DISINFECTION :

|                                          |     |     |     |    |
|------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Rooms disinfected after Diphtheria       | ... | ... | ... | 0  |
| "          "          "    Scarlet Fever | ... | ... | ... | 31 |
| "          "          "    Tuberculosis  | ... | ... | ... | 22 |
| "          "          "    Other Causes  | ... | ... | ... | 40 |
| Library Books disinfected                | ... | ... | ... | 95 |

#### ARTICLES STEAM DISINFECTED :

|                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Blankets                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 310 |
| Bolsters and Pillows      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 403 |
| Mattresses                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 190 |
| Other Articles of Bedding | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 135 |
| Bundles of Bedding        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9   |
| Cushions                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13  |
| Rugs                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4   |
| Clothing (bundles)        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6   |
| "          (aritcles)     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 84  |
| Miscellaneous             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22  |

#### DISINFESTATION OF PREMISES :

|                         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Verminous Rooms         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 44 |
| For Flies               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 |
| Other Insect Pests      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7  |
| Wasps' Nests eradicated | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 |

### RODENT CONTROL.

The rodent control staff consists of two part-time operators and a general assistant in the Health Department who is also engaged part-time on rodent control. The supervisory work is carried out by the Additional Sanitary Inspector.

It had been hoped to replace the part-time operators with one engaged full time on rodent control, but difficulty has been experienced in obtaining suitable full-time staff for this class of work.

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Encouraging results have been obtained from treatments, especially those carried out as a result of survey, and all major infestations within the Borough appear to have been eliminated.

The infestations at the Sewage Works and Refuse Tip, referred to in previous reports are now of a minor character only.

Treatment of the sewers was carried out during the year and 71 manholes were test baited. Takes of test bait were recorded in 5 manholes, and in the treatment subsequently carried out, poison bait takes were also recorded in these 5 manholes.

Co-operation with the Divisional Rodent Officer and his staff has been maintained throughout the year.

Details of the work carried out during the year are submitted below:—

|                                                          |     |     |     |             |           |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------|-----------|-------|
| Visits on complaint                                      | ... | ... | ... | ...         | ...       | 254   |
| Visits on survey                                         | ... | ... | ... | ...         | ...       | 1,525 |
| Premises treated                                         | ... | ... | ... | ...         | ...       | 552   |
| Estimated kill (based on amount of poison bait taken) :— |     |     |     |             |           |       |
|                                                          |     |     |     | Rats: 2,507 | Mice: 710 |       |
| Number of bodies found                                   | ... |     |     | Rats: 111   | Mice: 86  |       |

ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT (1937).

1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

| Premises<br>(1)                                                                              | M/c<br>line<br>No.<br>(2) | Number<br>on<br>Register<br>(3) | Number of          |                           |                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                                              |                           |                                 | Inspections<br>(4) | Written<br>notices<br>(5) | Occupiers<br>prosecuted<br>(6) |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... | 1                         | 20                              | 27                 | —                         | —                              |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority     | 2                         | 161                             | 179                | 4                         | —                              |
| (iii) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises) ...                     | 3                         | 45                              | 77                 | 5                         | —                              |
| TOTAL ...                                                                                    |                           | 226                             | 283                | 9                         | —                              |

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

| Particulars                                                            | M/c<br>line<br>No. | No. of cases in which<br>defects were found |          |                     |                                 | Number of<br>cases in<br>which<br>prosecut'ns<br>were<br>instituted |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                        |                    | Found                                       | Remedied | To H.M.<br>Insp'tor | Referred<br>By H.M.<br>Insp'tor |                                                                     |
| (1)                                                                    | (2)                | (3)                                         | (4)      | (5)                 | (6)                             | (7)                                                                 |
| Want of cleanliness ...                                                | 4                  | 19                                          | 19       | —                   | 1                               | —                                                                   |
| Overcrowding ... ..                                                    | 5                  | —                                           | —        | —                   | —                               | —                                                                   |
| Unreasonable tempera-<br>ture ... ..                                   | 6                  | —                                           | —        | —                   | —                               | —                                                                   |
| Inadequate ventilation                                                 | 7                  | —                                           | —        | —                   | —                               | —                                                                   |
| Ineffective drainage of<br>floors ... ..                               | 8                  | —                                           | —        | —                   | —                               | —                                                                   |
| Sanitary Conveniences                                                  |                    |                                             |          |                     |                                 |                                                                     |
| (a) Insufficient ...                                                   | 9                  | 3                                           | 3        | —                   | —                               | —                                                                   |
| (b) Unsuitable or<br>defective ...                                     | 10                 | 5                                           | 5        | —                   | 2                               | —                                                                   |
| (c) Not separate for<br>sexes ... ..                                   | 11                 | —                                           | —        | —                   | —                               | —                                                                   |
| Other offences (not in-<br>cluding offences re-<br>lating to Homework) | 12                 | 9                                           | 9        | —                   | —                               | —                                                                   |
| TOTAL ... ..                                                           | 60                 | 36                                          | 36       | —                   | 3                               | —                                                                   |

PART VIII OF THE ACT.  
OUTWORK (SECTIONS 110 AND 111).

| Nature of Work                        | M/c<br>line<br>No. | Section 110                                                                              |                                                                             |                                                                        | Section 111                                                                 |                   |                   |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                       |                    | No. of<br>out-<br>workers<br>in Aug.<br>list re-<br>quired<br>by Sect.<br>110 (1)<br>(c) | No. of<br>cases of<br>default<br>in send-<br>ing lists<br>to the<br>Council | No. of<br>prose-<br>cutions<br>for<br>failure<br>to<br>supply<br>lists | No. of<br>instanc-<br>es of<br>work in<br>un-<br>whole-<br>some<br>pr'mis's | Notices<br>served | Prose-<br>cutions |
| (1)                                   | (2)                | (3)                                                                                      | (4)                                                                         | (5)                                                                    | (6)                                                                         | (7)               | (8)               |
| Wearing apparel :<br>Making, etc. ... | 13                 | 35                                                                                       | —                                                                           | —                                                                      | —                                                                           | —                 | —                 |
| TOTAL ... ..                          | 70                 | 35                                                                                       | —                                                                           | —                                                                      | —                                                                           | —                 | —                 |

INADEQUATE MEANS OF ESCAPE IN CASE OF FIRE :

|            |     |     |     |   |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Discovered | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Remedied   | ... | ... | ... | 2 |

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## KNACKERS YARD.

There is one knackers yard in the Borough which is used for the slaughter of animals and the dressing of carcases intended for use as animal food.

No nuisance has arisen during the year.

## COMMON LODGING HOUSE.

There is one common lodging house situated in the centre of the town. In general the conditions at the lodging house have been satisfactory, but it was necessary to draw the Keeper's attention to the overcrowding of bedrooms; this was subsequently abated.

## RAG FLOCK.

Two premises are registered under Section 2 of the Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951, both of which are small factories in which upholstered furniture is made.

## DRAINAGE AND CESSPOOLS.

Many premises which could be drained to public sewers are still drained to cesspools; the Council have ceased to empty cesspools in these areas, but emptying is still undertaken by private contractors.

## SWIMMING POOL.

Two samples of water from the Council's Swimming Pool, where the water undergoes continuous filtration and chlorination, were submitted for bacteriological examination; both samples were satisfactory.

A very high standard of cleanliness has always been maintained at the Swimming Pool.

## BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

No burial was undertaken during the year under Section 50 of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

SANITARY MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION  
AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

A number of houses in the Borough are without a piped supply of water and without water closets. A sewer is now available for the drainage of four houses at which pail closets are in use, and a main supply of water is also available. The Council have in the past contributed half the cost of converting closets to water closets and consideration should now be given to the conversion of these pail closets.

F. G. BISHOP,  
*Chief Sanitary Inspector.*

# Wokingham Municipal Borough.

## STATISTICS.

|                                                                            |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Area (in acres) ... ..                                                     | 3,404   |
| Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book<br>at end of 1952 ... .. | 2,701   |
| Rateable Value, 1st April, 1953 ... ..                                     | £51,436 |
| Product of a Penny Rate ... ..                                             | £250    |
| <i>Population</i> (estimated mid-year) ... ..                              | 8,643   |

### *Live Births*

|                     | <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Legitimate ... ..   | 73        | 68        | 141          |
| Illegitimate ... .. | 3         | 5         | 8            |
| Total ... ..        | 76        | 73        | 149          |

|                                                            |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| <i>Live Birth Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population)</i> ... | 17.2 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------|

### *Live Birth Rate (corrected)*

If Wokingham Borough had a population with the same age and sex groups as the country as a whole, the following are the comparable rates:—

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Wokingham Borough ... .. | 19.3 |
| England & Wales ... ..   | 15.3 |

### *Still Births*

| <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 1         | 0         | 1            |

### *Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 population)*

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Wokingham Borough ... .. | 0.12 |
| England & Wales ... ..   | 0.35 |

### *Deaths (all causes)*

| <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 61        | 81        | 142          |

|                                                          |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| <i>Death Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population)</i> ... .. | 16.43 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|

### *Death Rate (corrected)*

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Wokingham Borough ... .. | 11.5 |
| England & Wales ... ..   | 11.3 |

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Infant Deaths

|                     | M. | F. | Total |
|---------------------|----|----|-------|
| Legitimate ... ..   | 1  | 2  | 3     |
| Illegitimate ... .. | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| Total ... ..        | 1  | 2  | 3     |

Infant Death Rate (per 1,000 live births)

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Wokingham Borough ... .. | 20.13 |
| England & Wales ... ..   | 27.6  |

Deaths Under 4 Weeks of Age

|                     | M. | F. | Total |
|---------------------|----|----|-------|
| Legitimate ... ..   | 1  | 2  | 3     |
| Illegitimate ... .. | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| Total ... ..        | 1  | 2  | 3     |

Tuberculosis Deaths

|                    | M. | F. | Total |
|--------------------|----|----|-------|
| Respiratory ... .. | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| Other ... ..       | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| Total ... ..       | 0  | 0  | 0     |

Tuberculosis Death Rate (per 1,000 population)

|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Respiratory ... ..               | 0.00 |
| Other ... ..                     | 0.00 |
| All forms ... ..                 | 0.00 |
| England & Wales—all forms ... .. | 0.24 |

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Maternal Deaths ... .. | Nil. |
|------------------------|------|

INFECTIOUS DISEASES DEATH RATE.  
( Not including Tuberculosis ).

|                                                     | Wokingham<br>Borough. | England<br>& Wales. |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever ...                   | 0.00                  | 0.00                |
| Whooping Cough ... ..                               | 0.00                  | 0.00                |
| Diphtheria ... ..                                   | 0.00                  | 0.00                |
| Influenza ... ..                                    | 0.00                  | 0.04                |
| Smallpox ... ..                                     | 0.00                  | 0.00                |
| Acute Poliomyelitis and<br>Polioencephalitis ... .. | 0.00                  | 0.01                |
| Pneumonia ... ..                                    | 0.92                  | 0.47                |
| Measles ... ..                                      | 0.00                  | —                   |

## WOKINGHAM MUNICIPAL BOROUGH

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN WOKINGHAM BOROUGH, 1952.

## WOKINGHAM MUNICIPAL BOROUGH

| CAUSES OF DEATH. |                                         |     |     |     |     | Males | Females |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|---------|
| ALL CAUSES.      |                                         |     |     |     |     | 61    | 81      |
| 1.               | Tuberculosis, respiratory               | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 2.               | Tuberculosis, other                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 3.               | Syphilitic disease                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     | —       |
| 4.               | Diphtheria                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 5.               | Whooping Cough                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 6.               | Meningococcal infections                | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 7.               | Acute poliomyelitis                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 8.               | Measles                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 9.               | Other infective and parasitic diseases  | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 10.              | Malignant neoplasm, stomach             | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 1       |
| 11.              | Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2     | —       |
| 12.              | Malignant neoplasm, breast              | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 3       |
| 13.              | Malignant neoplasm, uterus              | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 14.              | Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9     | 9       |
| 15.              | Leukaemia, aleukaemia                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 1       |
| 16.              | Diabetes                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 17.              | Vascular lesions of nervous system      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3     | 12      |
| 18.              | Coronary Disease, angina                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11    | 9       |
| 19.              | Hypertension with heart disease         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     | —       |
| 20.              | Other heart disease                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8     | 16      |
| 21.              | Other circulatory disease               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6     | 3       |
| 22.              | Influenza                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 23.              | Pneumonia                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5     | 3       |
| 24.              | Bronchitis                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     | —       |
| 25.              | Other diseases of respiratory system    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     | —       |
| 26.              | Ulcer of stomach and duodenum           | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 27.              | Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea      | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 28.              | Nephritis and nephrosis                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 29.              | Hyperplasia of prostate                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4     | —       |
| 30.              | Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion         | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 31.              | Congenital malformations                | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 1       |
| 32.              | Other defined and ill-defined diseases  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7     | 14      |
| 33.              | Motor vehicle accidents                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 3       |
| 34.              | All other accidents                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2     | 4       |
| 35.              | Suicide                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 2       |
| 36.              | Homicide and operations of war          | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

## IMMUNISATION.

During the year 104 children were immunised against Diphtheria for the first time. Thirty-four children received re-inforcing injections.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below:—

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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1952.  
( other than Tuberculosis ).

|                                                   |     |     |     | Rate per 1,000 civilian population. |                    |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|                                                   |     |     |     | Total cases notified.               | Wokingham Borough. | England & Wales. |
| Typhoid fever                                     | ... | ... | ... | 0                                   | 0.00               | 0.00             |
| Paratyphoid fever                                 | ... | ... | ... | 0                                   | 0.00               | 0.02             |
| Meningococcal infection                           | ... | ... | ... | 0                                   | 0.00               | 0.03             |
| Scarlet fever                                     | ... | ... | ... | 12                                  | 1.44               | 1.53             |
| Whooping cough                                    | ... | ... | ... | 0                                   | 0.00               | 2.61             |
| Diphtheria                                        | ... | ... | ... | 0                                   | 0.00               | 0.01             |
| Erysipelas                                        | ... | ... | ... | 0                                   | 0.00               | 0.14             |
| Smallpox                                          | ... | ... | ... | 0                                   | 0.00               | 0.00             |
| Measles                                           | ... | ... | ... | 13                                  | 1.56               | 8.86             |
| Pneumonia                                         | ... | ... | ... | 1                                   | 0.12               | 0.72             |
| Acute poliomyelitis (including polioencephalitis) |     |     |     |                                     |                    |                  |
| (a) Paralytic                                     | ... | ... | ... | 0                                   | 0.00               | 0.06             |
| (b) Non-paralytic                                 | ... | ... | ... | 0                                   | 0.00               | 0.03             |
| Food poisoning                                    | ... | ... | ... | 0                                   | 0.00               | 0.13             |
| *Puerperal pyrexia                                | ... | ... | ... | 4                                   | 26.80              | 17.87            |
| *Ophthalmia neonatorum                            | ... | ... | ... | 2                                   | 13.40              | —                |

\* Rate per 1,000 Total Births.

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1952.

| Disease.              | Years: | 0- | 1- | 2- | 3- | 4- | 5- | 10- | 15- | 20- | 35- | 45- | 65-- |
|-----------------------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Measles               | ...    | —  | 1  | 2  | 1  | 2  | 6  | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —   | —    |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | ...    | 2  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —    |
| Pneumonia             | ...    | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —   | 1   | —   | —   | —    |
| Puerperal pyrexia     | ...    | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | 1   | 3   | —   | —   | —    |
| Scarlet fever         | ...    | —  | —  | 1  | —  | —  | 10 | —   | 1   | —   | —   | —   | —    |

TUBERCULOSIS.

| Age Groups.  |     |     |     | NEW CASES. |    |           |    | DEATHS.   |    |           |    |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|------------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|
|              |     |     |     | Pulmonary  |    | Non-Pulm. |    | Pulmonary |    | Non-Pulm. |    |
|              |     |     |     | M.         | F. | M.        | F. | M.        | F. | M.        | F. |
| Under 1 year | ... | ... | ... | —          | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 1— 5 years   | ... | ... | ... | —          | 1  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 5—15         | „   | ... | ... | 1          | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 15—25        | „   | ... | ... | —          | 1  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 25—35        | „   | ... | ... | —          | 3  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 35—45        | „   | ... | ... | 1          | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 45—55        | „   | ... | ... | —          | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 55—65        | „   | ... | ... | —          | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 65 and over  | ... | ... | ... | —          | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| Totals       | ... | ... | ... | 2          | 5  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |

To: *Dr. W. B. Moore,*  
*Medical Officer of Health.*

*Town Hall,*  
*Wokingham.*  
*(Tel.: Wok. 920).*

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to present my report of work carried out during the year ending 31st December, 1952.

The Sanitary Inspector for this District also performs the duties of Surveyor. The following is the Technical Staff:—

|                                                 |           |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Sanitary Inspector: E. F. Pressey,              | appointed | 1/1/45   |
| Additional Sanitary Inspector: A. S. Longhurst, | „         | 1/1/52   |
| Rodent Officer (part-time): J. F. Carr          | „         | 11/10/48 |

#### WATER SUPPLY.

|                                                                                         |        |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----|
| Number of visits                                                                        | ... .. | 42 |
| Number of Water Samples taken (together with weekly samples from Martins Swimming Pool) | ... .. | 53 |
| Number of existing premises connected to Main Water Supply                              | ... .. | 12 |

The water supplied to the Borough by the Mid-Wessex Water Company has continued to be adequate and wholesome. There are still 28 properties, situated mainly in isolated parcels of land, not having a piped water supply.

The water main extension in the Dowles Green area has now been completed, thus providing a piped water supply for a number of farms and cottages in this area.

There are 2,661 dwelling-houses with a population of approximately 8,807 supplied with water direct from public mains. There are no standpipes in the Borough.

#### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

|                                                                                                                             |        |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----|
| Number of visits in connection with new drainage work, under the Building Byelaws, including inspections and re-inspections | ... .. | 294 |
| Number of inspections and re-inspections of existing drainage                                                               | ... .. | 94  |
| Number of water tests and other tests applied                                                                               | ... .. | 218 |
| Number of trade effluent samples taken                                                                                      | ... .. | 4   |

In addition to the above, regular and numerous visits have been paid to the two sewage works and Pumping Station. These

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works have functioned satisfactorily throughout the year, apart from one time at the beginning of the year when it was found that considerable quantities of oil were gaining access to the sewers and sewage disposal works. The source of contamination was traced and the necessary measures taken to prevent further contamination.

Periodic sampling by the Thames Conservancy Inspectors indicate that the effluent is satisfactory. However it is proposed in future that in addition to the samples taken by the Thames Conservancy Inspectors, other samples will be taken regularly by the Borough to provide an extra check and record on the functioning of the works.

Unfortunately a scheme submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for improving Ashridge Sewage Works was not approved at the time. It is hoped that a further application to be submitted may receive favourable consideration.

The position regarding main drainage is similar to that of water supply, the Borough being well served except where sporadic development has taken place.

## CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Of the 2,701 properties in the Borough, 65 have earth closets and 110 cesspools.

17 new connections to the sewer have been made, eight of these being properties in Luckley Road, which were connected to a new sewer constructed during the year.

There are still, however, a number of properties where a connection to the sewer would be un-economical.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING.

## WET SCAVENGING.

Cesspools are emptied by the Council's exhausters, the contents being discharged into the main sewer system by means of a convenient manhole. No charge is made where the public sewer is not available, providing the emptying is limited to once per month.

Facilities continue to be made available for the Wokingham Rural District Council's exhausters to discharge their contents into the Borough sewers.

Figures for 1952 are:—

|                                                                |     |     |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------|
| Number of cesspools emptied                                    | ... | ... | 588              |
| Quantity removed (an average of 1,219<br>gallons per cesspool) | ... | ... | 716,700 gallons. |

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The following table indicates the number of cesspools emptied in the Borough as compared with previous years:—

| <i>Year.</i> |     |     |     | <i>Cesspools in Use.</i> |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|
| 1930         | ... | ... | ... | 645                      |
| 1935         | ... | ... | ... | 253                      |
| 1940         | ... | ... | ... | 196                      |
| 1945         | ... | ... | ... | 144                      |
| 1949         | ... | ... | ... | 101                      |
| 1950         | ... | ... | ... | 97                       |
| 1951         | ... | ... | ... | 90                       |
| 1952         | ... | ... | ... | 88                       |

Gully emptying is carried out by the Berkshire County Council under contract.

## DRY SCAVENGING.

House refuse in the Borough is collected by two refuse freighters once per week.

Business premises in the town receive special attention, the collections being twice weekly according to the circumstances. A charge is made on business premises where the number of dustbins justify this. Arrangements have also been made to collect the contents of grease traps.

The statistics for Refuse collection are as follows:—

|                                                     |     |     |     |     |     |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Number of visits in connection with Refuse Disposal | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 130      |
| Number of loads collected                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,938    |
| Cubic yards collected                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13,566   |
| Cost of collection                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £4,274   |
| Cost per cubic yard                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6s. 3½d. |

The tip at Plough Lane was completed early in 1952 and so throughout the majority of the year the refuse was disposed of by controlled tipping at Molly Millar's Lane. During the Summer months it was found necessary to employ an extra man at the tip, and this extra labour at the tip will be retained.

The practice of spraying the tip with insecticides during and after tipping is carried out, to eliminate nuisance from flies and insects. This was found to be essential as during part of the year considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining sufficient covering material.

The tip previously used at Plough Lane has also been kept under surveillance and sprayed as necessary with insecticides to destroy flies.

The salvage of waste paper has continued, although there has been a considerable decrease in the salvage value of waste paper.

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The survey of properties without dustbins has continued.  
The number of inspections for 1952 are as follows:—

|                                         |     |     |     |     |   |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Total number of inspections             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Total number of informal notices served | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Informal notices complied with          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Statutory notices complied with         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

## SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

## NOTICES.

|                                                          |     |      |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|------|
| Number of informal notices served during the year        | ... | 114  |
| Number of informal notices complied with during the year | ... | 91   |
| Number of informal notices outstanding at end of year    | ... | 23   |
| Number of formal notices served during the year          | ... | 25   |
| Number of formal notices complied with during the year   | ... | 21   |
| Number of formal notices outstanding at end of year      | ... | 4    |
| Legal Proceedings                                        | ... | Nil. |
| Work done by Local Authority in default                  | ... | Nil. |

## COMPLAINTS.

|                                              |     |     |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Number received during the year              | ... | 192 |
| Number of visits and re-visits made on above | ... | 506 |

## HOUSING.

## 1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

|                                                                                                                                                                                          |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| (1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health & Housing Acts)                                                                                        | 72   |
| (b) Number of inspections and re-inspections made for the purpose                                                                                                                        | 380  |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925, and Amended Regulations, 1932 | Nil. |
| (b) Number of inspections for the purpose                                                                                                                                                | Nil. |
| (3) Number of houses found to be in such a state as to be unfit for human habitation                                                                                                     | 28   |
| (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation                                      | 67   |

## 2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| (1) Number of Informal Notices served | 67 |
|---------------------------------------|----|

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|                                                                                                                                        |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| (2) Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... .. | 34 |
| (3) Number of unfit dwelling houses closed by agreement                                                                                | 2  |

## 3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.*

|                                                                                                |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... .. | Nil. |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—        |      |
| (a) By owners ... ..                                                                           | Nil. |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...                                                | Nil. |

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts.*

|                                                                                                        |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | 25   |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—         |      |
| (a) By owners ... ..                                                                                   | 21   |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...                                                        | Nil. |

C. *Proceedings under Sections 11 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.*

|                                                                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition orders were made ... .. | Nil. |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ..    | Nil. |

D. *Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936* Nil.

## 4. HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV—OVERCROWDING.

Special consideration is given under the Council's re-housing scheme to applicants who are officially over-crowded and to cases in which active tuberculosis is known to exist.

Difficulty is experienced in persuading tenants to move to the more expensive Council houses. This economic problem will remain unless costs of Council houses can be reduced, and it presented a serious obstacle to the re-housing of the slum areas.

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A number of slum premises are included in the schedule of Historic Buildings made under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947.

During the year 52 permanent houses were completed by the Council. This gives a total of 253 since the war, of which 46 are aluminium pre-fabricated bungalows and 50 Orlit houses. Of this total 17 are one-bedroomed houses, 58 two-bedroomed, 174 three-bedroomed and 4 four-bedroomed.

The construction of roads and sewers were carried out for Schemes 3 and 4 at Norreys Barn Estate which are for 60 and 24 dwellings respectively. The sewers were constructed on the Sale Memorial Site for 14 Old Peoples' dwellings.

13 private enterprise houses were completed during the year, giving a total of 36 since the war.

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

|                                                           |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Number of Inspections of Tents, Vans and Sheds ... ..     | 54 |
| Number of Applications to station Caravans in Borough ... | 16 |
| Number of Applicants granted temporary licences ...       | 14 |

There are no licenced camping sites in the Borough. (Two sites in Stanley Road used by showmen during the winter months have been maintained satisfactorily).

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND  
FOOD PREMISES.

## MILK SUPPLY.

*Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.*

Number on Register:—

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Premises used as Dairies ... .. | 5 |
| Distributors of Milk ... ..     | 7 |

*Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.*

|                                                      |   |
|------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Dealers' Licences—Tuberculin Tested Milk ... ..      | 4 |
| Supplementary Licences—Tuberculin Tested Milk ... .. | 2 |

*Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk)  
Regulations, 1949.*

|                                                |   |
|------------------------------------------------|---|
| Dealers' Licences—Pasteurised Milk ... ..      | 1 |
| Supplementary Licences—Pasteurised Milk ... .. | 2 |
| Dealers' Licences—Sterilised Milk ... ..       | 1 |

*Bacteriological Examination of Milk Samples.*

| METHYLENE BLUE TEST.         |  |                      |                        |
|------------------------------|--|----------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Total No. of Samples.</i> |  | <i>Satisfactory.</i> | <i>Unsatisfactory.</i> |

|                                      |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Tuberculin Tested Milk (Bottled) ... | 4 | 4 | — |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|

|                                              | METHYLENE BLUE TEST. |                        | PHOSPHATASE TEST.    |                        |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
|                                              | <i>Satisfactory.</i> | <i>Unsatisfactory.</i> | <i>Satisfactory.</i> | <i>Unsatisfactory.</i> |
| Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) Milk ...     | 1                    | —                      | 1                    | —                      |
| Total — 1.                                   |                      |                        |                      |                        |
| Pasteurised Milk (excluding School Milk) ... | 7                    | 1                      | 7                    | 1                      |
| Total — 8.                                   |                      |                        |                      |                        |
| Pasteurised Milk (School Milk) ...           | 3                    | —                      | 3                    | —                      |
| Total — 3.                                   |                      |                        |                      |                        |

| TURBIDITY TEST.              |   |                      |                        |
|------------------------------|---|----------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Total No. of Samples.</i> |   | <i>Satisfactory.</i> | <i>Unsatisfactory.</i> |
| Sterilised Milk ...          | 2 | 2                    | —                      |

A total of 8 inspections have been made to the 5 dairies in the Borough and conditions were found to be satisfactory. The majority of the retail trade has been acquired by two firms of repute. The registration of one dairy was cancelled on the 13th October, 1952. the retail round having been purchased by a local farmer.

## ICE CREAM.

All Ice Cream in the Borough is either wrapped or manufactured outside the district. It was found that the temperature of the ice cream at the time of sampling was invariably satisfactory. There are 29 premises registered for the storage and sale of ice cream, two new registrations having been granted during the year.

*Sampling for Bacteriological Examination.*

|                                                          |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Number of samples of Ice Cream submitted for examination | 12 |
| Number of samples Provisional Grade 1 ...                | 6  |
| Number of samples Provisional Grade 2 ...                | 2  |
| Number of samples Provisional Grade 3 ...                | 2  |
| Number of samples Provisional Grade 4 ...                | 2  |
| Number of Ice Lollies submitted for examination ...      | 4  |
| (all satisfactory).                                      |    |

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## MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

All meat was supplied through the Ministry of Food Regional Establishment at Reading. Several complaints were made during the year that the drivers of the meat lorries did not close the rear doors between deliveries in the Borough, thus facilitating possible contamination. The Meat Transport Organisation of Reading were contacted, but **no** marked improvement resulted.

## FOOD PREMISES.

The food premises in the town received attention and 129 inspections were carried out. In 15 cases work was requested and in the majority of cases completed with the minimum of delay. Advice on hygiene was also given and as a result of informal notices 5 shops have installed during the year the instantaneous type of heater to provide a constant supply of hot water.

43 inspections of stalls were made and the powers contained in the Model Byelaws implemented as necessary.

7 premises are registered for the manufacture or preparation of preserved food under the provisions of Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

## BAKEHOUSES.

During the year 9 inspections of bakehouses were made and 5 informal notices served requiring decorations. Generally conditions were found to be satisfactory, although in some cases the premises are not large enough for the volume of business.

## CAFE AND RESTAURANT PREMISES.

A total of 14 visits were made to cafe and restaurant premises in the town, and work, mainly decorations, was requested in 12 cases. Considerable improvements have been effected in two cases.

## PUBLIC HOUSES AND PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT.

A total of eleven inspections were made during the year, and work was requested in four cases.

The following foods were condemned as being unfit for human consumption:—

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|                   |     |     |     |                           |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------|
| Beef              | ... | ... | ... | 276 lbs.                  |
| Pork              | ... | ... | ... | 56 lbs.                   |
| Sausages          | ... | ... | ... | 197 lbs.                  |
| Rabbits           | ... | ... | ... | 194 lbs.                  |
| Luncheon Meat     | ... | ... | ... | 96 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.     |
| Tinned Ham        | ... | ... | ... | 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.     |
| Tripe             | ... | ... | ... | 906 Sheep stomachs.       |
| Veal              | ... | ... | ... | 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.     |
| Fish              | ... | ... | ... | 228 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.    |
| Bacon             | ... | ... | ... | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.      |
| Coconuts          | ... | ... | ... | 69.                       |
| Liver             | ... | ... | ... | 2 lbs.                    |
| Lard              | ... | ... | ... | 4 lbs.                    |
| Cheese            | ... | ... | ... | 53 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.     |
| Milk              | ... | ... | ... | 2 pints.                  |
| Brawn             | ... | ... | ... | 2 lbs.                    |
| Flour             | ... | ... | ... | 41 lbs.                   |
| Semolina          | ... | ... | ... | 28 lbs.                   |
| Spaghetti         | ... | ... | ... | 97 lbs.                   |
| Poultry           | ... | ... | ... | 1 Chicken.                |
| Carrots           | ... | ... | ... | 1,120 lbs.                |
| Cereals           | ... | ... | ... | 6 packets.                |
| Preserves         | ... | ... | ... | 4 lbs.                    |
| Fish Cakes        | ... | ... | ... | 60.                       |
| Tea Cakes         | ... | ... | ... | 72.                       |
| Tinned Meat       | ... | ... | ... | 7 tins=6 lbs. 8 ozs.      |
| Tinned Fruit      | ... | ... | ... | 229 tins=262 lbs. 12 ozs. |
| Tinned Vegetables | ... | ... | ... | 81 tins=104 lbs.          |
| Tinned Paste      | ... | ... | ... | 318 tins=42 lbs. 8 ozs.   |
| Soups             | ... | ... | ... | 5 tins=4 lbs.             |
| Fish              | ... | ... | ... | 36 tins=29 lbs.           |
| Milk              | ... | ... | ... | 4 tins=3 lbs. 12 ozs.     |

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

78 visits were paid in connection with infectious disease and food poisoning, and 11 disinfections were carried out.

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## DISINFESTATIONS.

|                                                              |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Number of Inspections and Re-inspections of Verminous Houses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 |
| Number of Disinfestations carried out                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |

The arrangement of spraying all new Council houses upon completion has continued. The vacated premises are then treated prior to re-occupation. Bugs and fleas were the main causes of complaint.

## RODENT CONTROL.

The Wokingham Joint Rodent Control Committee functioned reasonably satisfactorily throughout the year, but owing to the non-replacement of an operator who left, the number of visits and treatments carried out was necessarily diminished.

The Joint Committee consists of Members of both Wokingham Borough and Wokingham Rural District Councils. The Committee is grant aided by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the staff in the latter part of 1952 consisted of a Rodent Control Officer and one operator.

The total number of visits carried out in the Borough for 1952 is as follows:—

|                                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Complaints received                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 155 |
| Premises inspected                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 700 |
| Premises re-inspected                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 97  |
| Premises found infested               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 342 |
| Premises treated                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 339 |
| Premises cleared                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 335 |
| Additional visits re treatment        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 854 |
| Premises treated for Mice Infestation | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 32  |

The practice of destroying wasp nests on request was discontinued during the year, although advice is given.

In accordance with Ministry instructions a charge is made for business premises and Local Authority undertakings.

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## FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948.

## 1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.

| Premises<br>(1)                                                                              | M/c<br>line<br>No.<br>(2) | Number<br>on<br>Register<br>(3) | Number of          |                           |                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                                              |                           |                                 | Inspections<br>(4) | Written<br>notices<br>(5) | Occupiers<br>prosecuted<br>(6) |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... | 1                         | 7                               | 8                  | 2                         | —                              |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... | 2                         | 48                              | 43                 | 6                         | —                              |
| (iii) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises)                         | 3                         | —                               | —                  | —                         | —                              |
| TOTAL ...                                                                                    |                           | 55                              | 51                 | 8                         | —                              |

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

| Particulars<br>(1)                                           | M/c<br>line<br>No.<br>(2) | No of cases in which defects were found |                 |                                        |                            | Number of cases in which prosecut'ns were instituted<br>(7) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                              |                           | Found<br>(3)                            | Remedied<br>(4) | Referred<br>To H.M.<br>Insp'tor<br>(5) | By H.M.<br>Insp'tor<br>(6) |                                                             |
| Want of cleanliness ...                                      | 4                         | 3                                       | 2               | —                                      | —                          | —                                                           |
| Overcrowding ...                                             | 5                         | —                                       | —               | —                                      | —                          | —                                                           |
| Unreasonable temperature ...                                 | 6                         | —                                       | —               | —                                      | —                          | —                                                           |
| Inadequate ventilation ...                                   | 7                         | —                                       | —               | —                                      | —                          | —                                                           |
| Ineffective drainage of floors ...                           | 8                         | 1                                       | 1               | —                                      | —                          | —                                                           |
| Sanitary Conveniences:                                       |                           |                                         |                 |                                        |                            |                                                             |
| (a) Insufficient ...                                         | 9                         | 1                                       | —               | —                                      | —                          | —                                                           |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective ...                              | 10                        | 5                                       | 4               | —                                      | —                          | —                                                           |
| (c) Not separate for sexes ...                               | 11                        | —                                       | —               | —                                      | —                          | —                                                           |
| Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework) | 12                        | —                                       | —               | 5                                      | —                          | —                                                           |
| TOTAL ...                                                    | 60                        | 10                                      | 7               | 5                                      | —                          | —                                                           |

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## PART VIII OF THE ACT.

## OUTWORK (SECTIONS 110 AND 111).

| Nature of Work                       | M/c<br>line<br>No. | Section 110                                                                           |                                                                              |                                                                        | Section 111                                                            |                   |                   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                      |                    | No. of<br>out-<br>workers<br>in Aug.<br>list re-<br>quired by<br>Sect. 110<br>(1) (c) | No. of<br>cases of<br>default<br>in<br>sending<br>lists to<br>the<br>Council | No. of<br>prose-<br>cutions<br>for<br>failure<br>to<br>supply<br>lists | No. of<br>instances<br>of work<br>in un-<br>whole-<br>some<br>premises | Notices<br>served | Prose-<br>cutions |
| (1)                                  | (2)                | (3)                                                                                   | (4)                                                                          | (5)                                                                    | (6)                                                                    | (7)               | (8)               |
| Wearing apparel:<br>Making, etc. ... | 13                 | 7                                                                                     | —                                                                            | —                                                                      | —                                                                      | —                 | —                 |
| TOTAL ...                            | 70                 | 7                                                                                     | —                                                                            | —                                                                      | —                                                                      | —                 | —                 |

## MISCELLANEOUS.

## ANTHRAX ORDER, 1938.

One notification was received during the year under this Order, and the carcase of a cow was destroyed on the site by the Police.

## PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

Two inspections under the above Act have been made and one licence to keep a Pet Shop was granted.

## OFFENSIVE TRADE.

Four inspections have been made of a Tripe Factory in the Borough, and it was found necessary to ask for work to be carried out on two occasions to abate nuisances.

## KNACKERS YARD.

In February, 1952, the Council granted a licence for a Knackers Yard to be used in Molly Millar's Lane, and it has been operated satisfactorily throughout the year. 12 visits have been made during the period.

## SWIMMING BATHS &amp; POOLS.

Martins Swimming Pool which is owned by the Borough Council, operated throughout the Summer. Three samples of water have been taken from different points each week during opening. As in previous years, excepting during occasional peak

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loads the samples were satisfactory. The water is treated by pressure filtration and chlorination with additional applications of chlorine by hand when the need arises.

By arrangement with the Education Authority, parties of children from local schools have continued to use the pool during the season.

## RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The supervision of rivers and streams within the Borough has continued and measures have been taken as necessary to prevent their pollution.

## SCHOOLS.

Schools have continued to receive attention and six inspections have been made, and work was requested in 5 cases.

Two Statutory notices to provide modern sanitation have been served upon the owners of the two schools in the Borough where trough closets are still in use. In one case, the Berkshire County Council have promised to modernise the system to the Borough's requirements in 1953.

## RAINFALL AT WOKINGHAM IN 1952.

| <i>Month</i> | <i>Depth<br/>in<br/>inches.</i> | <i>Greatest fall<br/>in 24 hours.<br/>Depth in inches</i> | <i>Date.</i> | <i>No. of<br/>days<br/>with<br/>.01ins.<br/>or more.</i> | <i>No. of<br/>days<br/>with<br/>.04ins. or<br/>more.</i> |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| January      | 1.67                            | .32                                                       | 1st.         | 17                                                       | 12                                                       |
| February     | .62                             | .17                                                       | 10th.        | 10                                                       | 5                                                        |
| March        | 1.72                            | .34                                                       | 6th.         | 17                                                       | 11                                                       |
| April        | 1.15                            | .17                                                       | 7th.         | 14                                                       | 11                                                       |
| May          | 2.98                            | .87                                                       | 19th.        | 15                                                       | 9                                                        |
| June         | 1.18                            | .37                                                       | 8th.         | 10                                                       | 6                                                        |
| July         | .35                             | .13                                                       | 11th.        | 6                                                        | 3                                                        |
| August       | 1.94                            | .40                                                       | 8th.         | 13                                                       | 11                                                       |
| September    | 2.36                            | .71                                                       | 30th.        | 15                                                       | 11                                                       |
| October      | 2.65                            | .56                                                       | 12th.        | 13                                                       | 11                                                       |
| November     | 2.58                            | .50                                                       | 29th.        | 14                                                       | 9                                                        |
| December     | 2.08                            | .49                                                       | 18th.        | 20                                                       | 13                                                       |
|              | 21.28                           |                                                           |              | 164                                                      | 112                                                      |

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## SUMMARY.

|                                         |     |     |     |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Complaints received and given attention | ... | ... | ... | 192 |
| Formal notices                          | ... | ... | ... | 28  |
| Informal notices                        | ... | ... | ... | 114 |
| Notices complied with                   | ... | ... | ... | 91  |

The following premises used in connection with the preparation or sale of food are licenced or registered in the Borough.

|                                                                              |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Dairies                                                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
| Number of premises used for the preparation or manufacture of Preserved Food | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7  |
| Number of Premises used for the sale, etc. of Ice Cream                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28 |
| Bakehouses                                                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

|                                              |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Meat Transport Vehicles                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4   |
| Bakehouses                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9   |
| Ice Cream Premises                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20  |
| Other Food Premises                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 129 |
| Butchers' Shops                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15  |
| Dairies                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8   |
| Cafes and Restaurants                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14  |
| Pig Sties                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6   |
| Food Inspection                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 83  |
| Knockers Yard                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12  |
| Shops                                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24  |
| Public Health Inspections                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 77  |
| Re-inspections                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 56  |
| Housing (Inspections and Re-inspections)     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 373 |
| Moveable Dwellings                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 54  |
| Water Supplies                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 42  |
| Drainage Inspections                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 388 |
| Rats and Mice                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10  |
| Rag Flock, filling materials                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4   |
| Cesspools                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8   |
| Public Conveniences                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12  |
| Martins Swimming Pool                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11  |
| Outworkers                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8   |
| Factories with Mechanical Power              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 43  |
| Factories without Mechanical Power           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8   |
| Fried Fish Shops                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5   |
| Public Houses and Places of Entertainment    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11  |
| Dangerous Structures                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2   |
| Other Visits                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 72  |
| Infectious Disease and Food Poisoning Visits | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 78  |

## WOKINGHAM MUNICIPAL BOROUGH

|                            |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Number of disinfections    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Library Books disinfected  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| Verminous Houses inspected | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 |
| Number of disinfestations  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |

## NATURE OF NUISANCES DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR.

|                                                |     |     |     |     |    |
|------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Defective and insufficient cesspools           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Defective and insufficient inspection chambers | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |
| Defective drains                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
| Choked drains                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 |
| Choked and foul W.C. pans                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
| Defective flushing cisterns                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| Defective Soil and Ventilating Pipes           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Defective Waste Pipes and Traps                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Defective Sanitary fittings                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Defective Gutters and Stackpipes               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28 |
| Defective Roofs                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 |
| Defective Chimney Stacks                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Damp premises                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| Defective floors                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8  |
| Defective grates and coppers                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
| Defective windows, skylights and doors         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Defective Plaster (walls and ceilings)         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 |
| Defective or insufficient refuse receptacle    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Offensive accumulations                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6  |
| Defective staircases                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Miscellaneous                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |

E. F. PRESSEY,

*Chief Sanitary Inspector.*

# Cookham

## Rural District.

### STATISTICS

|                                                                            |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Area (in acres) ... ..                                                     | 24,901   |
| Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book<br>at end of 1952 ... .. | 3,989    |
| Rateable Value, 1st April, 1953 ... ..                                     | £108,376 |
| Product of a Penny Rate ... ..                                             | £431     |
| <i>Population</i> (estimated mid-year) ... ..                              | 14,170   |

#### *Live Births*

|                     | <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Legitimate ... ..   | 99        | 115       | 214          |
| Illegitimate ... .. | 5         | 5         | 10           |
| Total ... ..        | 104       | 120       | 224          |

|                                                            |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| <i>Live Birth Rate (actual)</i> (per 1,000 population) ... | 15.8 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------|

#### *Live Birth Rate (corrected)*

If Cookham Rural District had a population with the same age and sex groups as the country as a whole, the following are the comparable rates:—

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Cookham Rural District ... .. | 15.5 |
| England & Wales ... ..        | 15.3 |

#### *Still Births*

| <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 3         | 2         | 5            |

#### *Still Birth Rate* (per 1,000 population)

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Cookham Rural District ... .. | 0.35 |
| England & Wales ... ..        | 0.35 |

#### *Deaths (all causes)*

| <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 87        | 67        | 154          |

|                                                       |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------|
| <i>Death Rate (actual)</i> (per 1,000 population) ... | 10.9 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------|

#### *Death Rate (corrected)*

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Cookham Rural District ... .. | 10.6 |
| England & Wales ... ..        | 11.3 |

COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT

Infant Deaths

|              |     |     |     | M. | F. | Total |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-------|
| Legitimate   | ... | ... |     | 3  | 1  | 4     |
| Illegitimate | ... | ... |     | 0  | 1  | 1     |
| Total        | ... | ... | ... | 3  | 2  | 5     |

Infant Death Rate (per 1,000 live births)

|                        |     |     |      |
|------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| Cookham Rural District | ... | ... | 22.3 |
| England & Wales        | ... | ... | 27.6 |

Deaths Under 4 Weeks of Age

|              |     |     |     | M. | F. | Total |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-------|
| Legitimate   | ... | ... |     | 2  | 1  | 3     |
| Illegitimate | ... | ... |     | 0  | 1  | 1     |
| Total        | ... | ... | ... | 2  | 2  | 4     |

Tuberculosis Deaths

|             |     |     |     | M. | F. | Total |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-------|
| Respiratory | ... | ... |     | 3  | 1  | 4     |
| Other       | ... | ... | ... | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| Total       | ... | ... | ... | 3  | 1  | 4     |

Tuberculosis Death Rate (per 1,000 population)

|                           |     |     |     |     |      |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Respiratory               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.28 |
| Other                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.00 |
| All forms                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.28 |
| England & Wales—all forms | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.24 |

|                 |     |     |     |     |     |      |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Maternal Deaths | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|

INFECTIOUS DISEASES DEATH RATE.  
( not including Tuberculosis ).

|                                              |     |     |     | Cookham<br>Rural<br>District. | England<br>&<br>Wales. |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever                | ... |     |     | 0.00                          | 0.00                   |
| Whooping Cough                               | ... | ... | ... | 0.00                          | 0.00                   |
| Diphtheria                                   | ... | ... | ... | 0.00                          | 0.00                   |
| Influenza                                    | ... | ... | ... | 0.07                          | 0.04                   |
| Smallpox                                     | ... | ... | ... | 0.00                          | 0.00                   |
| Acute Poliomyelitis and<br>Polioencephalitis | ... | ... | ... | 0.00                          | 0.01                   |
| Pneumonia                                    | ... | ... | ... | 0.21                          | 0.47                   |
| Measles                                      | ... | ... | ... | 0.00                          | —                      |

## COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1952.

## COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT

| CAUSES OF DEATH. |                                         |     |     |     |     | Males | Females |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|---------|
| ALL CAUSES.      |                                         |     |     |     |     | 87    | 67      |
| 1.               | Tuberculosis, respiratory               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3     | 1       |
| 2.               | Tuberculosis, other                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 3.               | Syphilitic disease                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 4.               | Diphtheria                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 5.               | Whooping Cough                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 6.               | Meningococcal infections                | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 7.               | Acute poliomyelitis                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 8.               | Measles                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 9.               | Other infective and parasitic diseases  | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 10.              | Malignant neoplasm, stomach             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5     | —       |
| 11.              | Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus      | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 1       |
| 12.              | Malignant neoplasm, breast              | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 2       |
| 13.              | Malignant neoplasm, uterus              | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 1       |
| 14.              | Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8     | 7       |
| 15.              | Leukaemia, aleukaemia                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 1       |
| 16.              | Diabetes                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 1       |
| 17.              | Vascular lesions of nervous system      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12    | 13      |
| 18.              | Coronary Disease, angina                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13    | 4       |
| 19.              | Hypertension with heart disease         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     | 1       |
| 20.              | Other heart disease                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12    | 16      |
| 21.              | Other circulatory disease               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4     | 4       |
| 22.              | Influenza                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 1       |
| 23.              | Pneumonia                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 3       |
| 24.              | Bronchitis                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6     | 2       |
| 25.              | Other diseases of respiratory system    | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 26.              | Ulcer of stomach and duodenum           | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 27.              | Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea      | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 28.              | Nephritis and nephrosis                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2     | 1       |
| 29.              | Hyperplasia of prostate                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3     | —       |
| 30.              | Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion         | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 31.              | Congenital malformations                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2     | —       |
| 32.              | Other defined and ill-defined diseases  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8     | 8       |
| 33.              | Motor vehicle accidents                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3     | —       |
| 34.              | All other accidents                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5     | —       |
| 35.              | Suicide                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 36.              | Homicide and operations of war          | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

## IMMUNISATION.

During the year 130 children were immunised against Diphtheria for the first time. Thirty-six children received re-inforcing injections.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable diseases are set out in the tables below:—

## COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1952.

( other than Tuberculosis ).

Rate per 1,000 civilian  
population.

|                                                        |     |     |     | Total<br>cases<br>notified. | Cookham<br>Rural<br>District. | England<br>&<br>Wales. |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Typhoid fever                                          | ... | ... | ... | 0                           | 0.00                          | 0.00                   |
| Paratyphoid fever                                      | ... | ... | ... | 0                           | 0.00                          | 0.02                   |
| Meningococcal infection                                | ... | ... | ... | 0                           | 0.00                          | 0.03                   |
| Scarlet fever                                          | ... | ... | ... | 29                          | 2.30                          | 1.53                   |
| Whooping cough                                         | ... | ... | ... | 13                          | 0.91                          | 2.61                   |
| Diphtheria                                             | ... | ... | ... | 0                           | 0.00                          | 0.01                   |
| Erysipelas                                             | ... | ... | ... | 4                           | 0.28                          | 0.14                   |
| Smallpox                                               | ... | ... | ... | 0                           | 0.00                          | 0.00                   |
| Measles                                                | ... | ... | ... | 89                          | 6.23                          | 8.86                   |
| Pneumonia                                              | ... | ... | ... | 5                           | 0.35                          | 0.72                   |
| Acute poliomyelitis (including<br>polioencephalitis) : |     |     |     |                             |                               |                        |
| (a) Paralytic                                          | ... | ... | ... | 5                           | 0.35                          | 0.06                   |
| (b) Non-paralytic                                      | ... | ... | ... | 4                           | 0.28                          | 0.03                   |
| Food poisoning                                         | ... | ... | ... | 1                           | 0.07                          | 0.13                   |
| Puerperal pyrexia                                      | ... | ... | ... | 1                           | 4.46                          | 17.87                  |
| (Rate per 1,000 Total Births)                          |     |     |     |                             |                               |                        |
| Dysentery                                              | ... | ... | ... | 16                          | 1.13                          | —                      |

## AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1952.

| Disease.          | Years: | 0- | 1- | 2- | 3- | 4- | 5- | 10- | 15- | 20- | 35- | 45- | 65- |
|-------------------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Dysentery         | ...    | —  | —  | —  | 1  | —  | 5  | 3   | —   | 1   | 3   | 3   | —   |
| Food poisoning    | ...    | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | 1  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   |
| Erysipelas        | ...    | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —   | 3   |
| Poliomyelitis     | ...    | —  | 1  | 1  | 1  | —  | 3  | 1   | 1   | 1   | —   | —   | —   |
| Pneumonia         | ...    | —  | —  | —  | 1  | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | 2   | 2   | —   |
| Puerperal pyrexia | ...    | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | 1   | —   | —   | —   | —   |
| Measles           | ...    | 1  | 8  | 7  | 10 | 23 | 35 | 2   | —   | 2   | 1   | —   | —   |
| Scarlet fever     | ...    | —  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 15 | 3   | 1   | —   | —   | —   | —   |
| Whooping cough    | ...    | —  | —  | 1  | —  | 2  | 9  | —   | —   | 1   | —   | —   | —   |

COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT

TUBERCULOSIS.

| Age Groups.          | NEW CASES. |    |           |    | DEATHS    |    |           |    |
|----------------------|------------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|
|                      | Pulmonary  |    | Non-Pulm. |    | Pulmonary |    | Non-Pulm. |    |
|                      | M.         | F. | M.        | F. | M.        | F. | M.        | F. |
| Under 1 year ...     | —          | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 1—5 years ...        | —          | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 5—15 „ ...           | —          | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 15—25 „ ...          | —          | 3  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 25—35 „ ...          | —          | —  | —         | —  | 1         | —  | —         | —  |
| 35—45 „ ...          | 1          | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 45—55 „ ...          | 1          | —  | —         | —  | —         | 1  | —         | —  |
| 55—65 „ ...          | 1          | —  | —         | 1  | 2         | —  | —         | —  |
| 65 and over ...      | —          | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| <i>Totals</i> ... .. | 3          | 3  | —         | 1  | 3         | 1  | —         | —  |

“Oaklands,”  
1, Bath Road,  
Maidenhead.  
(Tel.: Maidenhead 252).

To: Dr. W. B. Moore,  
Medical Officer of Health.

Sir,

I have the honour to present my report of the work carried out by the Department during the year ending 31st December, 1952.

The Department is responsible for the Council's Wet and Dry Scavenging Services and the Senior Sanitary Inspector is the Petroleum Officer for the Area and also acts as the Council's Housing Manager.

The Technical Staff consists of:—

|                               |        |                          |           |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Senior Sanitary Inspector     | ...    | E. G. Pollard, appointed | 1/11/48.  |
| Additional Sanitary Inspector | ...    | H. E. Tolman, „          | 28/2/49.  |
| Rodent Operator               | ... .. | S. A. Rutland, „         | 19/11/45. |

WATER SUPPLY.

PRIVATE SUPPLIES.

The following list shows the number of houses in each of the seven Parishes in the Rural District that are served by either a piped main water supply or a well:—

## COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT

|                             | <i>Houses on<br/>Main Supply.</i> | <i>Houses on<br/>Well Supply.</i> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bray ... ..                 | 1,154                             | 4                                 |
| White Waltham ... ..        | 498                               | —                                 |
| Cookham ... ..              | 1,103                             | 45                                |
| Bisham ... ..               | 292                               | 8                                 |
| Hurley ... ..               | 448                               | 34                                |
| Waltham St. Lawrence ... .. | 360                               | 2                                 |
| Shottesbrooke ... ..        | 41                                | —                                 |

All the houses in the area not having a piped main water supply draw their water chiefly from tube wells, some deep but the majority shallow wells. Two of the Parishes, i.e. Cookham and Hurley have by far the largest number of properties on a well water supply. They both border on the River Thames, and most of the wells are near or within a short distance of the river.

The water from the houses on well supply is sampled regularly. A total of 64 samples were obtained during the year and submitted to the Analyst at the Public Health Laboratory, Battle Hospital, Reading, for bacteriological examination. The results are summarised as follows:—

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Satisfactory ... ..   | 40 |
| Unsatisfactory ... .. | 24 |

A number of repeat water samples were obtained and 4 samples were taken for Chemical Analysis and submitted to the Public Analyst at Reading for examination. The results are summarised as follows:—

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Satisfactory ... ..   | 3 |
| Unsatisfactory ... .. | 1 |

## SEWERAGE SCHEMES.

The Woodlands Park area of White Waltham is now provided with public sewers which are in operation, the outfall works being the former R.A.F. sewage works at White Waltham.

The Cookham, Bray and Hurley Sewerage Schemes have been placed before the Ministry of Housing for consideration in due course.

## WET SCAVENGING.

The Council's fleet of vehicles consists of two 1,000 gallon Cesspool Emptiers and three 800 gallon Emptiers, and they are in regular use the whole year. One of the two larger machines is a new vehicle, powered by a diesel engine. It replaces a very old machine and its performance is being watched with interest.

## COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT

A reasonable service was maintained throughout the four Parishes in which the Council contract to empty cesspools during the year. Delays were unavoidable in one or two instances, and once a time lag has occurred it is a difficult matter to catch up again with the rota of orders.

It is not always appreciated what an added burden has been put on the cesspool by the installation of a water closet and bath in a house and, even if the cesspool is a large one, the additional quantity of effluent that has to be removed and disposed of places an ever increasing strain on the Cesspool Emptying Service.

The cesspool contents are disposed of on lagoon beds at two Sewage Farms. The beds have an average width of ten feet and a length of 100 yards. The liquid effluent filters off into the ground, and the solids, when dry, are removed and used mainly for providing covering material for the two controlled tips in the area.

## DRY SCAVENGING.

The Dry Scavenging fleet consists of five 10 cubic yard side loading refuse collecting vehicles. Four of these are in daily use. A general purpose 2/3 ton Tipping lorry is also in use.

By far the largest portion of the area has a regular weekly collection of refuse including that from a large R.A.F. Establishment. The remainder has a fortnightly collection, and this applies to the more scattered portions of the area. Additional collections are made from some large hotels on payment.

The refuse when collected is carried to two tips where controlled tipping is used to dispose of it. Trouble has been caused at one of these tips due to fire, started it is thought by outsiders after the tip dressers have finished their day's work. The second tip is in good condition.

## SALVAGE.

The collection of salvage is carried out as one operation with that of household refuse. The salvage is sacked and then baled mechanically at the Council's Depot. The price of waste paper fell drastically during the year and it has not always been easy to dispose of stocks.

A summary of the amount collected and the price obtained is shown as follows:—

|                 |          |                 | £      | s. | d. |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|--------|----|----|
| Waste Paper ... | 111 tons | 8 cwts.         | 1,059  | 5  | 0  |
| Rags ...        | 3 tons   | 12 cwts. 2 qrs. | 113    | 10 | 2  |
| Bottles ...     | 314 doz. |                 | 15     | 15 | 6  |
| Scrap Iron ...  | 4 tons   | 7 cwts. 3 qrs.  | 18     | 9  | 8  |
|                 |          |                 | <hr/>  |    |    |
|                 |          |                 | £1,207 | 0  | 4  |
|                 |          |                 | <hr/>  |    |    |

## SANITARY INSPECTION.

The total number of visits made during the year are summarised as follows:—

|                                                          |     |     |     |     |      |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Number of complaints received                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 77   |
| Number of Informal Notices Served                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18   |
| Number of Informal Notices complied with                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13   |
| Number of Informal Notices outstanding at end of year    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5    |
| Number of Formal Notices served                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |
| Number of Formal Notices complied with                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |
| Number of Formal Notices outstanding at end of year      | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |
| Work done by Local Authority in default                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |
| Number of Visits re Infectious Diseases                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 174  |
| Number of Visits re Drainage                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 277  |
| Number of Visits re Caravan Sites and Moveable Dwellings | ... | ... | ... | ... | 180  |
| Number of Visits re Factories                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26   |
| Number of Visits re Shops                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 64   |
| Number of Visits re Bakehouses                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4    |
| Number of Visits re Butchers' Shops                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20   |
| Number of Visits re Meat Inspection                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28   |
| Number of Visits re Cowsheds and Dairies                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25   |
| Number of Miscellaneous Visits                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 269  |

The main nuisances dealt with were:—

|                              |     |     |     |     |     |   |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Blocked and defective drains | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Cesspools repaired           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| W.C. Pans renewed            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Defective roofs              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Defective walls              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Defective floors             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Defective range              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Defective cesspool covers    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Defective window frames      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

## HOUSING.

## STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc. during the past year is as follows:—

## 1. INSPECTIONS OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

|     |     |                                                                                                      |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) | (a) | Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 131 |
|     | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose                                                           |     |     |     |     |     | 300 |

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|                                                    |     |                                                                                                                                                                        |      |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| (2)                                                | (a) | Number of houses (included in sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925 and Amendment Regulations, 1932 | Nil. |
|                                                    | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose                                                                                                                             | Nil. |
| (3)                                                |     | Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation                                               | 3    |
| 2. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR : |     |                                                                                                                                                                        |      |
|                                                    | (a) | Proceedings under Sections 9, 19 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936                                                                                                       | Nil. |
|                                                    | (b) | Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936                                                                                                          | Nil. |
|                                                    | (c) | Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936                                                                                                                  | Nil. |

## HOUSING.

The following figures show the progress in providing housing accommodation since 1945:

|                                                              |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of permanent 3-bedroomed houses completed since 1945  | 104 |
| Number of permanent 2-bedroomed houses completed since 1945  | 92  |
| Number of permanent 4-bedroomed houses completed since 1945  | 8   |
| Number of prefabricated bungalows                            | 30  |
| Number of Nissen Huts used as temporary accommodation        | 25  |
| Number of requisitioned premises                             | 17  |
| Number of permanent 3-bedroomed houses in course of erection | 22  |
| Number of permanent 2-bedroomed houses in course of erection | 32  |

## PRIVATE HOUSES.

|                                                    |    |
|----------------------------------------------------|----|
| Total number built since the War                   | 83 |
| Total built during 1st January—31st December, 1952 | 16 |

The Council's housing list tends to remain static at about 400 to 450 applicants. The grossly overcrowded families have now largely been re-housed and generally the housing list does not now contain the very bad and desperate cases that were common two or three years ago.

The inspecting of premises and interviewing of applicants occupies a considerable amount of time, but I think none of it is wasted as the problem of re-housing is still a vital one and the applicant is always more re-assured if he can state his case personally and be listened to with patience and understanding.

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|                                                                              |     |     |     |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of visits made for re-housing purposes including miscellaneous visits | ... | ... | ... | 217 |
| Number of interviews at the Office with Housing applicants                   | ... | ... | ... | 901 |

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

There are 13 licensed sites and 48 licensed caravans in the district. General conditions at the sites are satisfactory. One site for 120 caravans previously on a well water supply is now being provided with a main piped supply to a number of stand-pipes.

## MILK AND DAIRIES.

|                                                                                          |     |     |     |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Number of premises used as Dairies                                                       | ... | ... | ... | 1    |
| Distributors of milk                                                                     | ... | ... | ... | 9    |
| Contraventions discovered                                                                | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |
| Contraventions remedied                                                                  | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |
| <i>Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations:</i>                                |     |     |     |      |
| Dealers' Licences—T.T. milk                                                              | ... | ... | ... | 4    |
| Supplementary Licences—T.T. milk                                                         | ... | ... | ... | 8    |
| <i>Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised &amp; Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949:</i> |     |     |     |      |
| Dealers' Licences—Pasteurised milk                                                       | ... | ... | ... | 3    |
| Supplementary Licences—Pasteurised milk                                                  | ... | ... | ... | 8    |
| Dealers' Licences—Sterilised milk                                                        | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |
| Supplementary Licences—Sterilised milk                                                   | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |
| <i>Examination of Milk Supplies:</i>                                                     |     |     |     |      |
| Number of samples                                                                        | ... | ... | ... | 97   |
| Methylene Blue Test satisfactory                                                         | ... | ... | ... | 94   |
| Methylene Blue Test unsatisfactory                                                       | ... | ... | ... | 3    |
| Phosphatase Test satisfactory                                                            | ... | ... | ... | 94   |
| Phosphatase Test unsatisfactory                                                          | ... | ... | ... | 3    |

## ICE CREAM.

|                                             |     |     |      |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| Number of samples submitted for examination | ... | ... | 11   |
| Number of samples Provisional Grade 1       | ... | ... | 5    |
| Number of samples Provisional Grade 2       | ... | ... | 6    |
| Number of samples Provisional Grade 3       | ... | ... | Nil. |
| Number of samples Provisional Grade 4       | ... | ... | Nil. |

## FOOD PREMISES.

All the food storage and preparing premises and all shops in the area were visited and inspected during the year. A copy of the New Food Byelaws was circulated to each shopkeeper and practical advice was given when necessary during the course of the visits. Generally a very reasonable standard of cleanliness was observed throughout the area.

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UN SOUND FOOD.

The undermentioned foodstuffs were surrendered and disposed of after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption:—

|                   |     |     |     |     |     |          |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Sea Bream Fillets | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 tin    |
| Braised Kidney    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 tin    |
| Ham               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 tins   |
| Meat.             |     |     |     |     |     |          |
| Beef              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 285 lbs. |
| Pork              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 38 lbs.  |

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

No serious outbreak of infectious disease occurred during the year. The odd case was attended to, but otherwise I have no further comments to make.

RODENT CONTROL.

A full time Rodent Operator is employed by the Council and the following is a summary of the work carried out during the year.

|                                        |     |     |     |     |       |
|----------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Complaints received                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 467   |
| Total number of visits and inspections | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6,405 |
| Number of Rats destroyed:—             |     |     |     |     |       |
| (a) trapped                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 59    |
| (b) poisoned                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5,171 |
| Number of Mice found destroyed         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,243 |

ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT, (1937).

1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTOR.

| Premises                                                                                                     | M/c<br>line<br>No. | Number<br>on<br>Register | Number of   |                    |                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
|                                                                                                              |                    |                          | Inspections | Written<br>notices | Occupiers<br>prosecuted |
| (1)                                                                                                          | (2)                | (3)                      | (4)         | (5)                | (6)                     |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...                 | 1                  | 5                        | 3           | —                  | —                       |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...                 | 2                  | 35                       | 23          | —                  | —                       |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | 3                  | —                        | —           | —                  | —                       |
| TOTAL ...                                                                                                    |                    | 40                       | 26          | —                  | —                       |

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## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

| Particulars<br>(1)                                                     | M/c<br>line<br>No.<br>(2) | No. of cases in which<br>defects were found |                 |                            |                                        | Number of<br>cases in<br>which<br>prosecut'ns<br>were<br>instituted<br>(7) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                        |                           | Found<br>(3)                                | Remedied<br>(4) | To H.M.<br>Insp'tor<br>(5) | Referred<br>By H.M.<br>Insp'tor<br>(6) |                                                                            |
| Want of cleanliness ...                                                | 4                         | —                                           | —               | —                          | —                                      | —                                                                          |
| Overcrowding ... ..                                                    | 5                         | —                                           | —               | —                          | —                                      | —                                                                          |
| Unreasonable tempera-<br>ture ... ..                                   | 6                         | —                                           | —               | —                          | —                                      | —                                                                          |
| Inadequate ventilation                                                 | 7                         | —                                           | —               | —                          | —                                      | —                                                                          |
| Ineffective drainage of<br>floors ... ..                               | 8                         | —                                           | —               | —                          | —                                      | —                                                                          |
| Sanitary Conveniences                                                  |                           |                                             |                 |                            |                                        |                                                                            |
| (a) Insufficient ... ..                                                | 9                         | —                                           | —               | —                          | —                                      | —                                                                          |
| (b) Unsuitable or<br>defective ... ..                                  | 10                        | —                                           | 2               | —                          | 2                                      | —                                                                          |
| (c) Not separate for<br>sexes ... ..                                   | 11                        | —                                           | —               | —                          | —                                      | —                                                                          |
| Other offences (not in-<br>cluding offences re-<br>lating to Homework) | 12                        | —                                           | —               | —                          | —                                      | —                                                                          |
| TOTAL ... ..                                                           | 60                        | —                                           | 2               | —                          | 2                                      | —                                                                          |

## PART VIII OF THE ACT.

## OUTWORK (SECTIONS 110 AND 111).

| Nature<br>of<br>Work<br>(1)                | M/c<br>line<br>No.<br>(2) | Section 110                                                                                  |                                                                                       |                                                                            | Section 111                                                              |                          |                          |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                            |                           | No. of<br>out-<br>workers<br>in Aug.<br>list re-<br>quired by<br>Sect. 110<br>(1) (c)<br>(3) | No. of<br>cases<br>of<br>default<br>in send-<br>ing lists<br>to the<br>Council<br>(4) | No. of<br>prosecu-<br>tions for<br>failure<br>to<br>supply<br>lists<br>(5) | No. of<br>instances<br>of work in<br>unwhole-<br>some<br>premises<br>(6) | Notices<br>served<br>(7) | Prose-<br>cutions<br>(8) |
| Wearing<br>Apparel:<br>Making,<br>Etc. ... | 13                        | 4                                                                                            | —                                                                                     | —                                                                          | —                                                                        | —                        | —                        |
| TOTAL ...                                  | 70                        | 4                                                                                            | —                                                                                     | —                                                                          | —                                                                        | —                        | —                        |

In conclusion I would like to express my appreciation of the work of the Staff, both Technical and Clerical, for their very able help and assistance during the year.

E. G. POLLARD,  
*Senior Sanitary Inspector.*

# Easthampstead Rural District.

## STATISTICS.

|                                                                            |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Area (in acres) ... ..                                                     | 27,610   |
| Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at<br>end of 1952 ... .. | 5,889    |
| Rateable Value, 1st April, 1953 ... ..                                     | £174,631 |
| Product of a Penny Rate ... ..                                             | £696     |

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| <i>Population</i> (estimated mid-year) ... .. | 25,620 |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

### *Live Births*

|                     | <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Legitimate ... ..   | 187       | 155       | 342          |
| Illegitimate ... .. | 4         | 6         | 10           |
| Total ... ..        | 191       | 161       | 352          |

|                                                            |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| <i>Live Birth Rate (actual)</i> (per 1,000 population) ... | 13.7 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------|

### *Live Birth Rate (corrected)*

If Easthampstead Rural District had a population with the same age and sex groups as the country as a whole the following are the comparable rates:—

|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Easthampstead Rural District ... | 15.6 |
| England & Wales ... ..           | 15.3 |

### *Still Births*

| <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 8         | 3         | 11           |

|                                                |      |
|------------------------------------------------|------|
| <i>Still Birth Rate</i> (per 1,000 population) |      |
| Easthampstead Rural District ... ..            | 0.43 |
| England & Wales ... ..                         | 0.35 |

### *Deaths (all causes)*

| <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 118       | 113       | 231          |

|                                                          |      |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------|
| <i>Death Rate (actual)</i> (per 1,000 population) ... .. | 9.02 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------|

### *Death Rate (corrected)*

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Easthampstead Rural District ... .. | 8.02  |
| England & Wales ... ..              | 11.30 |

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### Infant Deaths

|              |     |     | <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Legitimate   | ... | ... | 6         | 6         | 12           |
| Illegitimate | ... | ... | 0         | 0         | 0            |
| Total        | ... | ... | 6         | 6         | 12           |

*Infant Death Rate* (per 1,000 live births)

|                                  |     |      |
|----------------------------------|-----|------|
| Easthampstead Rural District ... | ... | 34.1 |
| England & Wales ...              | ... | 27.6 |

## Deaths Under 4 Weeks of Age

|              |     |     | <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Legitimate   | ... | ... | 6         | 4         | 10           |
| Illegitimate | ... | ... | 0         | 0         | 0            |
| Total        | ... | ... | 6         | 4         | 10           |

### *Tuberculosis Deaths*

|             |     |     | <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Respiratory | ... | ... | 5         | 1         | 6            |
| Other       | ... | ... | 0         | 0         | 0            |
| Total       | ... | ... | 5         | 1         | 6            |

*Tuberculosis Death Rate* (per 1,000 population)

|                           |     |     |     |     |      |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Respiratory               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.23 |
| Other                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.00 |
| All forms                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.23 |
| England & Wales—all forms | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.24 |

|                        |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| <i>Maternal Deaths</i> | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|

INFECTIOUS DISEASES DEATH RATE.

( Not including Tuberculosis ).

|                                              |     |     |     |     | <i>Easthampstead<br/>Rural<br/>District.</i> | <i>England<br/>&amp;<br/>Wales.</i> |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Typhoid and Paratyphoid fever                | ... |     |     |     | 0.00                                         | 0.00                                |
| Whooping Cough                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.00                                         | 0.00                                |
| Diphtheria                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.00                                         | 0.00                                |
| Influenza                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.00                                         | 0.04                                |
| Smallpox                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.00                                         | 0.00                                |
| Acute Poliomyelitis and<br>Polioencephalitis | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.00                                         | 0.01                                |
| Pneumonia                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.39                                         | 0.47                                |
| Measles                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.00                                         | —                                   |

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## CAUSES OF DEATH IN EASTHAMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT, 1952.

| CAUSES OF DEATH. |                                         |     |     |     |     | Males | Females |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|---------|
| ALL CAUSES.      |                                         |     |     |     |     | 118   | 113     |
| 1.               | Tuberculosis, respiratory               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5     | 1       |
| 2.               | Tuberculosis, other                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 3.               | Syphilitic disease                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 4.               | Diphtheria                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 5.               | Whooping Cough                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 6.               | Meningococcal infections                | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 7.               | Acute poliomyelitis                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 8.               | Measles                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 9.               | Other infective and parasitic diseases  | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 10.              | Malignant neoplasm, stomach             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4     | 1       |
| 11.              | Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4     | 1       |
| 12.              | Malignant neoplasm, breast              | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 2       |
| 13.              | Malignant neoplasm, uterus              | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 2       |
| 14.              | Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14    | 9       |
| 15.              | Leukaemia, aleukaemia                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     | —       |
| 16.              | Diabetes                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 17.              | Vascular lesions of nervous system      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11    | 15      |
| 18.              | Coronary Disease, angina                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14    | 12      |
| 19.              | Hypertension with heart disease         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2     | 1       |
| 20.              | Other heart disease                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11    | 28      |
| 21.              | Other circulatory disease               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6     | 5       |
| 22.              | Influenza                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 23.              | Pneumonia                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4     | 6       |
| 24.              | Bronchitis                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10    | 3       |
| 25.              | Other diseases of respiratory system    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     | —       |
| 26.              | Ulcer of stomach and duodenum           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3     | 1       |
| 27.              | Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea      | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 3       |
| 28.              | Nephritis and nephrosis                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 1       |
| 29.              | Hyperplasia of prostate                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     | —       |
| 30.              | Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion         | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |
| 31.              | Congenital malformations                | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | 1       |
| 32.              | Other defined and ill-defined diseases  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19    | 14      |
| 33.              | Motor vehicle accidents                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4     | 2       |
| 34.              | All other accidents                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3     | 5       |
| 35.              | Suicide                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     | —       |
| 36.              | Homicide and operations of war          | ... | ... | ... | ... | —     | —       |

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

## IMMUNISATION.

During the year 249 children were immunised against Diphtheria for the first time. Thirty-nine children received re-inforcing injections.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below:—

## EASTHAMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1952.  
( *other than Tuberculosis* ).

|                                                     |     |     |     | <i>Rate per 1,000 civilian population.</i> |                                      |                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                                     |     |     |     | <i>Total cases notified.</i>               | <i>Easthampstead Rural District.</i> | <i>England &amp; Wales.</i> |
| Typhoid fever                                       | ... | ... | ... | 0                                          | 0.00                                 | 0.00                        |
| Paratyphoid fever                                   | ... | ... | ... | 0                                          | 0.00                                 | 0.02                        |
| Meningococcal infection                             | ... | ... | ... | 1                                          | 0.04                                 | 0.03                        |
| Scarlet fever                                       | ... | ... | ... | 44                                         | 1.76                                 | 1.53                        |
| Whooping cough                                      | ... | ... | ... | 90                                         | 3.60                                 | 2.61                        |
| Diphtheria                                          | ... | ... | ... | 0                                          | 0.00                                 | 0.01                        |
| Erysipelas                                          | ... | ... | ... | 1                                          | 0.04                                 | 0.14                        |
| Smallpox                                            | ... | ... | ... | 0                                          | 0.00                                 | 0.00                        |
| Measles                                             | ... | ... | ... | 330                                        | 13.20                                | 8.86                        |
| Pneumonia                                           | ... | ... | ... | 17                                         | 0.68                                 | 0.72                        |
| Acute poliomyelitis (including polioencephalitis) : |     |     |     |                                            |                                      |                             |
| (a) Paralytic                                       | ... | ... | ... | 3                                          | 0.12                                 | 0.06                        |
| (b) Non-paralytic                                   | ... | ... | ... | 0                                          | 0.00                                 | 0.03                        |
| Food poisoning                                      | ... | ... | ... | 1                                          | 0.04                                 | 0.13                        |
| Dysentery                                           | ... | ... | ... | 9                                          | 0.36                                 | —                           |
| *Puerperal pyrexia                                  | ... | ... | ... | 0                                          | 0.00                                 | 17.87                       |
| *Ophthalmia neonatorum                              | ... | ... | ... | 1                                          | 2.80                                 | —                           |
| * <i>Rate per 1,000 Total Births.</i>               |     |     |     |                                            |                                      |                             |

## AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1952.

| <i>Disease.</i>         | <i>Years:</i> | 0- | 1- | 2- | 3- | 4- | 5-  | 10- | 15- | 20- | 35- | 45- | 65- |
|-------------------------|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Dysentery               | ...           | 1  | 1  | 1  | —  | —  | —   | —   | 1   | 4   | —   | 1   | —   |
| Erysipelas              | ...           | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —   | —   |
| Food poisoning          | ...           | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —   | —   | —   |
| Measles                 | ...           | 8  | 20 | 26 | 38 | 33 | 158 | 33  | 6   | 3   | 4   | 1   | —   |
| Meningococcal Infection | ...           | 1  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum   |               | 1  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   |
| Pneumonia               | ...           | —  | 1  | 1  | —  | 2  | 2   | 2   | 1   | 1   | —   | 3   | 4   |
| Poliomyelitis           | ...           | —  | 1  | —  | —  | —  | 1   | —   | —   | 1   | —   | —   | —   |
| Scarlet fever           | ...           | —  | —  | —  | 2  | 5  | 30  | 4   | 1   | 1   | —   | 1   | —   |
| Whooping cough          | ...           | 7  | 8  | 11 | 15 | 10 | 34  | 1   | —   | 4   | —   | —   | —   |

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TUBERCULOSIS.

| Age Groups.         | NEW CASES |    |           |    | DEATHS    |    |           |    |
|---------------------|-----------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|
|                     | Pulmonary |    | Non-Pulm. |    | Pulmonary |    | Non-Pulm. |    |
|                     | M.        | F. | M.        | F. | M.        | F. | M.        | F. |
| Under 1 year ... .. | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 1— 5 years ... ..   | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 5—15 „ ... ..       | —         | —  | 1         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 15—25 „ ... ..      | —         | 1  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 25—35 „ ... ..      | 2         | 3  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 35—45 „ ... ..      | 1         | 2  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 45—55 „ ... ..      | 3         | —  | —         | —  | 1         | —  | —         | —  |
| 55—65 „ ... ..      | —         | —  | —         | —  | 1         | —  | —         | —  |
| 65 and over ... ..  | 4         | 1  | —         | —  | 3         | 1  | —         | —  |
| Totals ... ..       | 10        | 7  | 1         | —  | 5         | 1  | —         | —  |

REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

WATER SUPPLIES.

(a) PUBLIC.

Piped water supply is available to every Parish and is supplied by the Mid-Wessex Water Company, Frimley Green, Aldershot (Parishes of Crowthorne, Sandhurst, Easthampstead, Binfield and Warfield) and by the South-West Suburban Water Company, The Causeway, Staines (Parish of Winkfield).

Routine samples are taken of the Mid-Wessex Water Company supply and submitted for Bacteriological and Modified Chemical (Hardness) analysis, to the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.

Routine samples of the South West Suburban Water Company are taken in conjunction with Windsor R.D.C., Egham U.D.C., Feltham U.D.C., Bagshot R.D.C. and Hayes and Harlington U.D.C., and submitted to the Clinical Research Association Limited for Bacteriological and Chemical Analysis.

(b) PRIVATE.

Number of wells in the area—21.

The *Splash Cottages, Warfield*—previously on well-water, have now been provided with a piped water supply.

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*The Lodge, Forest Road, Warfield*—well-water replaced by piped supply.

*Mushroom Castle Cottages, Winkfield*—Eleven cottages on well-water supply, found to be unsatisfactory. The Council have now approved the provision of a piped water supply, to be carried out as soon as materials are available.

## WATER SUPPLIES.

(a) Samples of supplies have been regularly taken and the results of analyses are tabulated:—

## MID-WESSEX WATER COMPANY.

| <i>Parish</i>  | <i>No. of<br/>Samples<br/>Taken</i> | CHEMICAL                  |                             | BACTERIOLOGICAL           |                             |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                |                                     | <i>Satis-<br/>factory</i> | <i>Unsatis-<br/>factory</i> | <i>Satis-<br/>factory</i> | <i>Unsatis-<br/>factory</i> |
| Binfield ...   | 2                                   | 2                         | —                           | 2                         | —                           |
| Crowthorne ... | 1                                   | 1                         | —                           | 1                         | —                           |
| Easthampstead  | 1                                   | 1                         | —                           | 1                         | —                           |
| Sandhurst ...  | 1                                   | 1                         | —                           | 1                         | —                           |
| Warfield ...   | 1                                   | 1                         | —                           | 1                         | —                           |
| TOTAL ...      | 6                                   | 6                         | —                           | 6                         | —                           |

## SOUTH-WEST SUBURBAN WATER COMPANY.

| <i>Authority.</i> | <i>No. of<br/>Samples<br/>Taken</i> | CHEMICAL                  |                             | BACTERIOLOGICAL           |                             |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                   |                                     | <i>Satis-<br/>factory</i> | <i>Unsatis-<br/>factory</i> | <i>Satis-<br/>factory</i> | <i>Unsatis-<br/>factory</i> |
| Easthampstead     |                                     |                           |                             |                           |                             |
| R.D.C. ...        | 5                                   | 5                         | —                           | 5                         | —                           |
| Egham             |                                     |                           |                             |                           |                             |
| R.D.C. ...        | 4                                   | 4                         | —                           | 4                         | —                           |
| Windsor           |                                     |                           |                             |                           |                             |
| R.D.C. ...        | 4                                   | 4                         | —                           | 4                         | —                           |
| TOTAL ...         | 13                                  | 13                        | —                           | 13                        | —                           |

(b) Particulars of the numbers of dwelling-houses and population supplied from public mains are as follows:—

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1. MID-WESSEX WATER COMPANY.

| <i>Parish.</i>     | <i>Number of Dwellings.</i> | <i>Estimated Population.</i> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Binfield ... ..    | 770                         | 3,618                        |
| Crowthorne ... ..  | 906                         | 4,253                        |
| Easthampton ... .. | 887                         | 3,975                        |
| Sandhurst ... ..   | 1,110                       | 5,215                        |
| Warfield ... ..    | 897                         | 4,215                        |

2. SOUTH-WEST SUBURBAN WATER COMPANY.

| <i>Parish.</i>   | <i>Number of Dwellings.</i> | <i>Estimated Population.</i> |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Winkfield ... .. | 1,628                       | 5,161                        |

(c) PRIVATE SUPPLIES.

| <i>Address</i>                                                | <i>No. of Samples Taken</i> | CHEMICAL                  |                             | BACTERIOLOGICAL           |                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                                               |                             | <i>Satis-<br/>factory</i> | <i>Unsatis-<br/>factory</i> | <i>Satis-<br/>factory</i> | <i>Unsatis-<br/>factory</i> |
| The Laurels,<br>Mushroom<br>Castle ...                        | 1                           | —                         | 1                           | —                         | 1                           |
| Fletcher<br>Bungalow,<br>Mushroom<br>Castle,<br>Winkfield ... | 1                           | —                         | 1                           | —                         | 1                           |
| TOTAL ...                                                     | 2                           |                           | 2                           | —                         | 2                           |

## REFUSE AND SALVAGE—COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

## (i) COLLECTION SERVICE.

A weekly collection service is maintained throughout the District. Increase in the number of bins collected per week mounted up during the year with completion of new houses—250—making the total number of bins emptied per week approximately 7,000.

The new vehicle delivered in 1951 has proved a very efficient machine, more particularly for collection in the “built-up” parts of the district.

Collection service has been requested of the Council at the Royal Military Academy (approx. 350 bins increasing to approx. 700) and the R.E. (Map Depot)—approx. 30 bins.

Labour shortage made the maintenance of the regular service a strain on the remaining men. Replacements are becoming increasingly difficult due to increased demands by contractors working on New Town development and the attraction of higher wages for this type of work.

## (ii) DISPOSAL—CONTROLLED TIP.

The controlled tip was well maintained during the year and an improved system of working on a wide tipping face has proved very effective. The rate of tipping is increasing and improved handling and consolidation cannot be made with manual labour.

Following a report on present and future requirements at the tip and demonstrations of different machines, the Council agreed to purchase a Chaseside Mobile Excavator which will greatly improve handling and consolidation.

## (iii) SALVAGE.

The prices for baled paper showed a rapid decline in early 1952 to £7. 10. 0d. per ton for mixed papers, by mid-year. This was followed by a quota restriction on deliveries to the mills. Despite this set-back, the Council maintained its salvage collection and were well treated by Thames Board Mills in the matter of deliveries, largely because of a long period of business by contract with that firm. The new Bonus Scheme introduced in September 1951, was maintained throughout the year.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

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| Vehicle.            | No. of Loads        | Approx. Volume of Refuse Cub. Yds. | Miles Travelled | PETROL              |                                  | OIL              |                                      |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                     |                     |                                    |                 | Gallons Used        | Miles per Gal.                   | Gallons Used     | Miles per Gal.                       |
| Karrier EJB.588 ... | 505 $\frac{1}{4}$   | 5,052.5                            | 10,598          | 1,397               | 7.59                             | 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 683.74                               |
| Karrier FYM.337 ... | 131                 | 1,310                              | 2,903           | 359                 | 8.09                             | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  | 341.53                               |
| Dennis CMO.802 ...  | 490 $\frac{1}{2}$   | 4,905                              | 7,507           | 1,218               | 6.16                             | 27               | 278.04                               |
| S. & D. GMO.419 ... | 422 $\frac{3}{4}$   | 8,455                              | 6,306           | 1,098 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5.74                             | 5                | 1261.2                               |
| TOTAL ...           | 1,549 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 19,722.5                           | 27,314          | 4,072 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 27.58 gross;<br>6.71 <i>avr.</i> | 56               | 2564.51 gross;<br>487.75 <i>avr.</i> |

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## SALVAGE SALES.

| <i>Material.</i>  | 1950.     |                  |                | 1951.     |                 |                         | 1952.     |                  |                |
|-------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|
|                   | <i>T.</i> | <i>C.</i>        | <i>£ s. d.</i> | <i>T.</i> | <i>C.</i>       | <i>£ s. d.</i>          | <i>T.</i> | <i>C.</i>        | <i>£ s. d.</i> |
| Paper ... ..      | 141       | 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 776 19 0       | 137       | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1841 9 0                | 120       | 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1326 0 4       |
| Textiles ... ..   | 5         | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  | 80 9 9         | 1         | 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 45 4 6                  | 3         | 5 $\frac{1}{4}$  | 55 1 3         |
| Metal—Iron ... .. | 3         | 1                | 5 12 0         |           | 8               | 1 0 0                   | 2         | 11               | 9 14 6         |
| Glassware ... ..  | 2         | 18               | 11 9 5         | 1         | 0               | 10 18 8 $\frac{1}{2}$   | 1         | 10               | 11 14 3        |
| TOTALS ... ..     | 152       | 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 874 10 2       | 140       | 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 1898 12 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 128       | 5 $\frac{3}{4}$  | 1402 10 4      |

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SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS FOR 1952.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS :

|      |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|------|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (1)  | Complaints                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 174 |
| (2)  | Visits and re-visits      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 688 |
| (3)  | Works in Progress         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 261 |
| (4)  | Tents, Vans and Sheds     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 360 |
| (5)  | Water Supplies            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25  |
| (6)  | Refuse Tip and Collection | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 102 |
| (7)  | Infectious Diseases       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 71  |
| (8)  | Land Charges (Searches)   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 114 |
| (9)  | Miscellaneous             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 345 |
| (10) | Verminous Premises        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   |

HOUSING ACTS :

|     |                                                   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) | Housing Inspections                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 39  |
| (2) | Applications for Houses                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 106 |
| (3) | Inspections of Council Houses and Temporary Camps | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 84  |
| (4) | Interviews on Sites                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 193 |

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938 :

|                      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Food Shops           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28  |
| Bakehouses           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20  |
| Ice-cream Premises   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 126 |
| Cowsheds and Dairies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 83  |
| Meat Inspections     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 176 |
| Butchers' Premises   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 309 |

FACTORIES ACTS :

|                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Factory Inspections | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 95 |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|

NOTICES SERVED AND ABATED.

| <i>Statute.</i>        | <i>Prelim'y<br/>Notices</i> | <i>Statutory<br/>Notices</i> | <i>Court<br/>Proc'd'gs</i> | <i>Abated</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Public Health Acts ... | 105                         | 15                           | 3                          | 112           |
| Housing Acts ... ..    | —                           | —                            | —                          | —             |
| Food & Drugs Acts ...  | 2                           | —                            | —                          | 2             |
| Factories Acts ... ..  | 3                           | —                            | —                          | 3             |

## HOUSING.

## HOUSING ACT, 1936— PROCEDURE.

|                                                  |     |     |     |      |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Houses represented under Section 11              | ... | ... | ... | 3    |
| Houses re-conditioned and Undertakings cancelled | ... | ... | ... | 1    |
| Houses re-conditioned (Section 9)                | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |
| Statutory Notices (Section 9)                    | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |
| Families re-housed from Unfit Houses             | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |

During the last five years, 23 cottages have been dealt with under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, and part of a building was closed under Section 12 of the same Act.

Of the above, the Council have accepted Undertakings from the Owners of 21 of these properties not to re-let until the property is in all respects fit for human habitation.

The Council are gradually re-housing the occupants of these properties and the properties are being brought up to a good housing standard.

In two cases, Demolition Orders were imposed.

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

|               |     |     |                   |
|---------------|-----|-----|-------------------|
| Council Sites | ... | ... | Nil.              |
| Private Sites | ... | ... | 7 (319 Caravans). |

The largest of these sites—at Cranbourne Hall, comprising approximately 200 caravans—has had plans approved for drainage and roads, but the work has been held up by the owners being unable to obtain a building licence sufficient to cover all works.

|                              |     |     |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Individual Licensed Caravans | ... | 59. |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|

## MILK AND DAIRIES.

|                                    |     |     |     |     |    |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Number of Registered Premises      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8  |
| Number of Registered Distributors— |     |     |     |     |    |
| Premises in the area               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Premises outside the area          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Number of Milk Producers           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 77 |

Of the 77 Milk Producers in the area, only four conduct a Retail business in milk in the area.

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Milk (*Special Designation*) (*Raw Milk*) *Regulations, 1949.*  
Milk (*Special Designation*) (*Pasteurised & Sterilised Milk*)  
*Regulations, 1949.*

TABLE OF LICENCES ISSUED.

| <i>Classification.</i> | <i>Tuber'lin<br/>Tested</i> | <i>Accredited</i> | <i>Pasteurised</i> | <i>Sterilized</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Dealers' Licences ...  | 6                           | —                 | 5                  | 4                 |
| Supplementary Licences | 11                          | —                 | 9                  | 1                 |

With small exception, practically all milk retailed in the area is of a Designated nature, being either T.T., T.T. (Past.) or Pasteurised. Two large pasteurising plants, one in the centre and one in the southern part of the area, cater for most of the heat-treated milk retailed in the district.

SCHOOL MILKS.

The 14 County Schools in the district are all supplied with Pasteurised Milk from 5 different retailers, according to the area in which they are situated. This also applies to the seven Private Schools in the area.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938—SECTIONS 13 AND 14.

ICE-CREAM.

Number of Registered Premises:—

|             |     |     |     |    |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Manufacture | ... | ... | ... | 6  |
| Sale only   | ... | ... | ... | 56 |

As will be seen from the above figures, the greater quantity of ice-cream retailed in the area is a pre-packed proprietary brand. The premises are inspected regularly and samples taken:—

|               |                     |     |     | <i>Provisional<br/>Grade.</i> |
|---------------|---------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------|
| Sample No. 1. | Methylene Blue Test | ... | ... | 2                             |
| Sample No. 2. | Methylene Blue Test | ... | ... | 2                             |
| Sample No. 3. | Methylene Blue Test | ... | ... | 2                             |
| Sample No. 4. | Methylene Blue Test | ... | ... | 1                             |
| Sample No. 5. | Methylene Blue Test | ... | ... | 1                             |
| Sample No. 6. | Methylene Blue Test | ... | ... | 2                             |

## MEAT.

The District's 17 butchers' shops receive regular inspection from time to time in addition to visits paid for the condemnation of meat. Particular attention is given to the methods of handling and standards of cleanliness during the bulk deliveries of meat to the shops.

## OTHER FOODS.

|                              |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| No. of Bakehouses            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17  |
| No. of Cafes and Restaurants | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15  |
| No. of Food Shops            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 108 |
| No. of Licensed Premises     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 67  |

Through systematic inspection of the above food premises, several notices have been served requiring structural repairs and improvements generally. In addition, the implementation of the Council's Byelaws (Section 15, Food and Drugs Act, 1938) for "securing the observance of Sanitary and Cleanly practices in connection with food handling," together with a readily shewn co-operation by the traders, is resulting in a general trend towards a higher standard of cleanliness and food hygiene.

## UN SOUND FOOD.

The following were surrendered and disposed of after being examined and found unfit for human consumption.

(a) *Meat.*

Home-killed—667 lbs. 11 ozs.

(b) *Various Foodstuffs.*

Fruit—363 tins.

Meat—100 tins.

Soup—4 tins.

Vegetables—61 tins.

Milk—52 tins.

Fish—34 tins.

Cheese—10 lbs.

Sausages )—20 lbs.

                  ) 6 packages.

Ham—48 lbs.

Jam—5 jars.

Bacon—4 lbs. 6 ozs.

Miscellaneous—8 items.

## EASTHAMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year the Sanitary Inspectors visited and carried out the investigations necessary on the following cases:—

|                          |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Scarlet Fever            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 35 |
| Dysentery                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Acute Poliomyelitis      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Poliomyelitis (Contacts) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |

making a total of 46 visits.

The Department has worked with the General Practitioners and facilities for the testing of specimens are available under the direction of Dr. Wood at the Public Health Laboratory, Reading.

Steam disinfestation of bedding when necessary is carried out by arrangement with Maidenhead Health Department.

## SWIMMING POOLS.

There is a privately owned and operated pool and gardens in Bracknell which is equipped with modern continuous circulation, filtration and chlorination plant. This pool is attractively laid out and equipped and provides an excellent recreational and social centre as well as facilities for schools in the area.

There are private pools at houses and private schools in the district, some with complete circulation, filtration and chlorination plants, but all using chlorination in some form.

All the pools are regularly visited during the season and samples submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for analysis.

## RODENT CONTROL.

On the 1st April 1952, the Workable Area Joint Rodent Control with Windsor Rural District Council, terminated, and each Authority managed its own staff and service from that date. The Easthampstead Rural District Council retained the services of Mr. A. E. Day as Rodent Officer. The Workable Area joint arrangements with Windsor Rural District Council had proved very satisfactory right through from 1942, but the coming into operation of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, made continuance impracticable on the old basis.

Also on the 1st April the Council introduced a charge for servicing business premises in the area at a flat rate of 7s. 6d. per hour. Domestic premises remain free of charge for service.

A complete sewer baiting test was done over the whole area and, as was expected, the result was negative with one small exception. This latter was treated and on re-testing in spring 1953, was negative. As the sewers in the district are mostly modern, small diameter and well flushed, it is considered that annual testing is superfluous and a request has been made for extending the time between tests to not less than two years.

## EASTHAMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT

## RECORD OF INSPECTIONS :

|                                                          |     |     |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Total number of properties in Rural District             | ... | ... | 6,282 |
| Number of properties inspected:                          |     |     |       |
| (a) Notification                                         | ... | ... | 241   |
| (b) Survey or otherwise                                  | ... | ... | 58    |
|                                                          |     | —   | 299   |
| Number of properties inspected and found infested:       |     |     |       |
| (a) Rats                                                 | ... | ... | 247   |
| (b) Mice                                                 | ... | ... | 2     |
|                                                          |     | —   | 249   |
| Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority |     |     | 237   |

## SEWER TEST BAITING ( 10% OF MANHOLES ).

| <i>Area</i>  | <i>Total No.<br/>Manholes.</i> | <i>No. Manholes<br/>Baited.</i> | <i>No. Manholes<br/>showing Take.</i> |
|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Binfield - - | 110                            | 14                              | Nil                                   |
| Bracknell -  | 157                            | 37                              | Nil                                   |
| Crowthorne - | 141                            | 16                              | Nil                                   |
| Sandhurst -  | 213                            | 49                              | Nil                                   |
| Winkfield -  | 262                            | 27                              | 6                                     |

## POISON TREATMENT OF INFESTED SEWER.

| <i>Area</i>                                 | <i>No Man-<br/>holes<br/>Treated.</i> | <i>No. Manholes<br/>Complete Pre-<br/>bait Take.</i> | <i>POISON<br/>Complete</i> | <i>TAKEN<br/>Partial</i> |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Winkfield<br>26th to<br>29th Jan.,<br>1953. | 18                                    | 5                                                    | 2                          | 1                        |

*Note*—Infestation of sewers found to be due to small infestation gaining access from drains on new housing estate was cleared.

## FACORIES.

The first of the new factories built as part of the development of Bracknell under the New Towns Act, was completed and in operation by summer, 1952.

## EASTHAMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT

## ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT (1937).

## 1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

| <i>Premises</i><br>(1)                                                                           | <i>M/c<br/>line<br/>No.</i><br>(2) | <i>Number<br/>on<br/>Register</i><br>(3) | <i>Number of</i>          |                                   |                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                  |                                    |                                          | <i>Inspections</i><br>(4) | <i>Written<br/>notices</i><br>(5) | <i>Occupiers<br/>prosecuted</i><br>(6) |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... .. | 1                                  | 18                                       | 37                        | Nil                               | Nil                                    |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...     | 2                                  | 83                                       | 58                        | 3                                 | Nil                                    |
| (iii) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises) ...                         | 3                                  | Nil                                      | Nil                       | Nil                               | Nil                                    |
| TOTAL ... ..                                                                                     |                                    | 101                                      | 95                        | 3                                 | Nil                                    |

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

| <i>Particulars</i><br>(1)                                    | <i>M/c<br/>line<br/>No.</i><br>(2) | <i>No of cases in which defects<br/>were found</i> |                        | <i>Referred</i>                    |                                    | <i>Number of<br/>cases in<br/>which<br/>prosec't'ns<br/>were<br/>instituted</i><br>(7) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                              |                                    | <i>Found</i><br>(3)                                | <i>Remedied</i><br>(4) | <i>To H.M.<br/>Insp'tor</i><br>(5) | <i>By H.M.<br/>Insp'tor</i><br>(6) |                                                                                        |
| Want of cleanliness ...                                      | 4                                  | —                                                  | —                      | —                                  | —                                  | —                                                                                      |
| Overcrowding ... ..                                          | 5                                  | —                                                  | —                      | —                                  | —                                  | —                                                                                      |
| Unreasonable temperature ... ..                              | 6                                  | —                                                  | —                      | —                                  | —                                  | —                                                                                      |
| Inadequate ventilation                                       | 7                                  | —                                                  | —                      | —                                  | —                                  | —                                                                                      |
| Ineffective drainage of floors ... ..                        | 8                                  | 1                                                  | 1                      | —                                  | —                                  | —                                                                                      |
| Sanitary Conveniences                                        |                                    |                                                    |                        |                                    |                                    |                                                                                        |
| (a) Insufficient ...                                         | 9                                  | —                                                  | —                      | —                                  | —                                  | —                                                                                      |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective ... ..                           | 10                                 | 1                                                  | 1                      | —                                  | 1                                  | Nil                                                                                    |
| (c) Not separate for sexes ... ..                            | 11                                 | —                                                  | —                      | —                                  | —                                  | —                                                                                      |
| Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework) | 12                                 | 1                                                  | 1                      | —                                  | —                                  | —                                                                                      |
| TOTAL ... ..                                                 | 60                                 | 3                                                  | 3                      | —                                  | 1                                  | Nil                                                                                    |

## EASTHAMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT

## PART VIII OF THE ACT.

## OUTWORK (SECTIONS 110 AND 111).

| Nature<br>of<br>Work                        | M/c<br>line<br>No. | Section 110                                                                     |                                                                        |                                                                  | Section 111                                                       |                             |                        |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
|                                             |                    | No. of<br>out-<br>workers<br>in August<br>list req'd<br>by Sect.<br>110 (1) (c) | No. of<br>cases of<br>default in<br>sending<br>lists to the<br>Council | No. of<br>prosecu-<br>tions for<br>failure to<br>supply<br>lists | No. of<br>instances<br>of work in<br>unwhole-<br>some<br>premises | Not-<br>ices<br>serv-<br>ed | Pro-<br>secu-<br>t'ns. |
| (1)                                         | (2)                | (3)                                                                             | (4)                                                                    | (5)                                                              | (6)                                                               | (7)                         | (8)                    |
| Wearing<br>Apparel :<br>Making,<br>Etc. ... | 13                 | 10                                                                              | —                                                                      | —                                                                | —                                                                 | —                           | —                      |
| TOTAL ...                                   | 70                 | 10                                                                              | —                                                                      | —                                                                | —                                                                 | —                           | —                      |

R. H. HEBBRON,  
Chief Sanitary Inspector.

# Windsor

## Rural District.

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### STATISTICS.

|                                                                            |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Area (in acres) ... ..                                                     | 8,665    |
| Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book<br>at end of 1952 ... .. | 3,443    |
| Rateable Value, 1st April, 1953 ... ..                                     | £135,295 |
| Product of a Penny Rate ... ..                                             | £554     |

*Population* (estimated mid-year) ... .. 11,710

#### *Live Births*

|                     | <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Legitimate ... ..   | 92        | 86        | 178          |
| Illegitimate ... .. | 5         | 6         | 11           |
| Total ... ..        | 97        | 92        | 189          |

*Live Birth Rate* (actual) (per 1,000 population) ... 16.1

#### *Live Birth Rate* (corrected)

If Windsor Rural District had a population with the same age and sex groups as the country as a whole, the following are the comparable rates:—

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Windsor Rural District ... .. | 17.1 |
| England & Wales ... ..        | 15.3 |

#### *Still Births*

| <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 1         | 2         | 3            |

*Still Birth Rate* (per 1,000 population)

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Windsor Rural District ... .. | 0.26 |
| England & Wales ... ..        | 0.35 |

#### *Deaths* (all causes)

| <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 76        | 67        | 143          |

*Death Rate* (actual) (per 1,000 population) ... 12.2

#### *Death Rate* (corrected)

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Windsor Rural District ... .. | 11.2 |
| England & Wales ... ..        | 11.3 |

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Infant Deaths

|                     | M. | F. | Total |
|---------------------|----|----|-------|
| Legitimate ... ..   | 2  | 1  | 3     |
| Illegitimate ... .. | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| Total ... ..        | 2  | 1  | 3     |

Infant Death Rate (per 1,000 live births)

|                        |     |     |      |
|------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| Windsor Rural District | ... | ... | 15.9 |
| England & Wales        | ... | ... | 27.6 |

Deaths Under 4 Weeks of Age

|                     | M. | F. | Total |
|---------------------|----|----|-------|
| Legitimate ... ..   | 1  | 1  | 2     |
| Illegitimate ... .. | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| Total ... ..        | 1  | 1  | 2     |

Tuberculosis Deaths

|                    | M. | F. | Total |
|--------------------|----|----|-------|
| Respiratory ... .. | 1  | 0  | 1     |
| Other ... ..       | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| Total ... ..       | 1  | 0  | 1     |

Tuberculosis Death Rate (per 1,000 population)

|                           |     |     |      |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| Respiratory ... ..        | ... | ... | 0.08 |
| Other ... ..              | ... | ... | 0.00 |
| All forms ... ..          | ... | ... | 0.08 |
| England & Wales—all forms | ... | ... | 0.24 |

|                        |     |     |     |   |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Maternal Deaths ... .. | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|

INFECTIOUS DISEASES DEATH RATE.  
( Not including Tuberculosis ).

|                                              | Windsor<br>Rural<br>District. | England<br>&<br>Wales. |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Typhoid and Paratyphoid fever ...            | 0.00                          | 0.00                   |
| Whooping Cough ... ..                        | 0.00                          | 0.00                   |
| Diphtheria ... ..                            | 0.00                          | 0.00                   |
| Influenza ... ..                             | 0.00                          | 0.04                   |
| Smallpox ... ..                              | 0.00                          | 0.00                   |
| Acute Poliomyelitis and<br>Polioencephalitis | 0.00                          | 0.01                   |
| Pneumonia ... ..                             | 0.68                          | 0.47                   |
| Measles ... ..                               | 0.00                          | —                      |

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## CAUSES OF DEATH IN WINDSOR RURAL DISTRICT, 1952.

| CAUSES OF DEATH. |                                         |     |     |     |     | <i>Males</i> | <i>Females</i> |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|----------------|
| ALL CAUSES.      |                                         |     |     |     |     | 76           | 67             |
| 1.               | Tuberculosis, respiratory               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1            | —              |
| 2.               | Tuberculosis, other                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | —              |
| 3.               | Syphilitic disease                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | —              |
| 4.               | Diphtheria                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | —              |
| 5.               | Whooping Cough                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | —              |
| 6.               | Meningococcal infections                | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | —              |
| 7.               | Acute poliomyelitis                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | —              |
| 8.               | Measles                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | —              |
| 9.               | Other infective and parasitic diseases  | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | —              |
| 10.              | Malignant neoplasm, stomach             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1            | 3              |
| 11.              | Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5            | 1              |
| 12.              | Malignant neoplasm, breast              | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | 2              |
| 13.              | Malignant neoplasm, uterus              | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | —              |
| 14.              | Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12           | 8              |
| 15.              | Leukaemia, aleukaemia                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1            | —              |
| 16.              | Diabetes                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1            | —              |
| 17.              | Vascular lesions of nervous system      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8            | 14             |
| 18.              | Coronary Disease, angina                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14           | 11             |
| 19.              | Hypertension with heart disease         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1            | 1              |
| 20.              | Other heart disease                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8            | 14             |
| 21.              | Other circulatory disease               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3            | 3              |
| 22.              | Influenza                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | —              |
| 23.              | Pneumonia                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7            | 1              |
| 24.              | Bronchitis                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1            | —              |
| 25.              | Other diseases of respiratory system    | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | —              |
| 26.              | Ulcer of stomach and duodenum           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1            | —              |
| 27.              | Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1            | —              |
| 28.              | Nephritis and nephrosis                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | —              |
| 29.              | Hyperplasia of prostate                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2            | —              |
| 30.              | Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion         | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | 1              |
| 31.              | Congenital malformations                | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | —              |
| 32.              | Other defined and ill-defined diseases  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7            | 7              |
| 33.              | Motor vehicle accidents                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | 1              |
| 34.              | All other accidents                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1            | —              |
| 35.              | Suicide                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1            | —              |
| 36.              | Homicide and operations of war          | ... | ... | ... | ... | —            | —              |

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

## IMMUNISATION.

During the year 149 children were immunised against Diphtheria for the first time. Twenty-nine children received re-inforcing injections.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below:—

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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1952.  
(other than Tuberculosis).

|                                                   |     |     |     | <i>Rate per 1,000 civilian population.</i> |                                |                             |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                                   |     |     |     | <i>Total cases notified.</i>               | <i>Windsor Rural District.</i> | <i>England &amp; Wales.</i> |
| Typhoid fever                                     | ... | ... | ... | 0                                          | 0.00                           | 0.00                        |
| Paratyphoid fever                                 | ... | ... | ... | 0                                          | 0.00                           | 0.02                        |
| Meningococcal infection                           | ... | ... | ... | 1                                          | 0.08                           | 0.03                        |
| Scarlet fever                                     | ... | ... | ... | 13                                         | 1.04                           | 1.53                        |
| Whooping cough                                    | ... | ... | ... | 31                                         | 2.48                           | 2.61                        |
| Diphtheria                                        | ... | ... | ... | 0                                          | 0.00                           | 0.01                        |
| Erysipelas                                        | ... | ... | ... | 1                                          | 0.08                           | 0.14                        |
| Smallpox                                          | ... | ... | ... | 0                                          | 0.00                           | 0.00                        |
| Measles                                           | ... | ... | ... | 109                                        | 8.72                           | 8.86                        |
| Pneumonia                                         | ... | ... | ... | 6                                          | 0.48                           | 0.72                        |
| Acute poliomyelitis (including polioencephalitis) |     |     |     |                                            |                                |                             |
| (a) Paralytic                                     | ... | ... | ... | 1                                          | 0.08                           | 0.06                        |
| (b) Non-paralytic                                 | ... | ... | ... | 0                                          | 0.00                           | 0.03                        |
| Food poisoning                                    | ... | ... | ... | 0                                          | 0.00                           | 0.13                        |
| Dysentery                                         | ... | ... | ... | 1                                          | 0.08                           | —                           |
| Puerperal pyrexia                                 | ... | ... | ... | 5                                          | 26.45                          | 17.87                       |
| (Rate per 1,000 Total Births).                    |     |     |     |                                            |                                |                             |

## AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1952.

| <i>Disease.</i>         | <i>Years:</i> | 0- | 1- | 2- | 3- | 4- | 5- | 10- | 15- | 20- | 35- | 45- | 65- |
|-------------------------|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Dysentery               | ...           | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | 1  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   |
| Erysipelas              | ...           | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —   | 1   | —   | —   | —   |
| Measles                 | ...           | 3  | 9  | 14 | 14 | 16 | 47 | 3   | 2   | 1   | —   | —   | —   |
| Meningococcal Infection |               | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | 1  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   |
| Pneumonia               | ...           | —  | —  | —  | —  | 1  | 5  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   |
| Poliomyelitis           | ...           | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —   | —   |
| Puerperal Pyrexia       |               | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | 1   | 4   | —   | —   | —   |
| Scarlet fever           | ...           | —  | —  | —  | 1  | 1  | 9  | —   | 2   | —   | —   | —   | —   |
| Whooping Cough          |               | 1  | —  | 5  | —  | 4  | 18 | 3   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   |

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TUBERCULOSIS.

| Age Groups.         | NEW CASES |    |           |    | DEATHS.   |    |           |    |
|---------------------|-----------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|
|                     | Pulmonary |    | Non-Pulm. |    | Pulmonary |    | Non-Pulm. |    |
|                     | M.        | F. | M.        | F. | M.        | F. | M.        | F. |
| Under 1 year ... .. | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 1— 5 years ... ..   | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 5—15 „ ... ..       | 1         | —  | 1         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 15—25 „ ... ..      | —         | 1  | —         | 1  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 25—35 „ ... ..      | —         | 1  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 35—45 „ ... ..      | 1         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 45—55 „ ... ..      | —         | —  | —         | —  | 1         | —  | —         | —  |
| 55—65 „ ... ..      | 2         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 65 and over ... ..  | 1         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| Totals ... ..       | 5         | 2  | 1         | 1  | 1         | —  | —         | —  |

Council Offices,  
Bowden Road,  
Sunninghill.  
(Tel. AACOT 893).

To: Dr. W. B. Moore,  
Medical Officer of Health,  
Wilderness Health Centre,  
Maidenhead.

Dear Sir,

I submit hereunder my Annual Report for the year 1952.

The Sanitary Inspector for this District also performs the duties of the Building Surveyor. The following comprise the Technical Staff of the Department:—

|                               |                            |          |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Sanitary Inspector            | — W. H. Rowsell, appointed | 1/4/37.  |
| Additional Sanitary Inspector | — W. E. Barker, „          | 1/12/45. |
| Rodent Operative              | — A. V. Thompson, „        | 1/4/52.  |

LABORATORY SERVICES.

Laboratory services for the bacteriological examination of specimens and samples of food and drink in connection with infectious disease, are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Battle Hospital, Reading.

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## WATER SUPPLY.

## PUBLIC SUPPLIES.

As stated in previous reports there is a piped water supply in each of the parishes in this district, and this continues to be satisfactory, both in quantity and quality. The supply Company is the South West Suburban Water Company, and the water is derived from the River Thames at Staines. It is filtered and chlorinated before distribution. Chemical and bacteriological analysis of the raw, and of the finally treated water, are made weekly by the Company. The following raw and treated water analysis is furnished by the Water Company as a typical report.

ANALYSIS OF A SAMPLE OF WATER RECEIVED 11/11/52 FROM  
SOUTH WEST SUBURBAN WATER COMPANY.

*Labelled Works Intake River Thames, Staines.*

Date 11/11/52.

*Chemical Results in Parts per Million.*

*Appearance:* Slight opalescence with a slight yellowish flocculent deposit of mineral and organic debris, together with a number of diatoms, a few chlorophyceal and protozoa.

|                           |     |      |                          |     |        |
|---------------------------|-----|------|--------------------------|-----|--------|
| Colour Filtered ...       | ... | 23   | Turbidity ...            | ... | 10     |
| pH ...                    | ... | 8.0  | Odour : Slight earthy.   |     |        |
| Electric Conductivity ... | ... | 570  | Free Carbon Dioxide ...  | ... | 3      |
| Chlorine present as       |     |      | Total Solids ...         | ... | 380    |
| Chloride ...              | ... | 27   | Alkalinity as Calcium    |     |        |
| Hardness : Total 290—     |     |      | Carbonate ...            | ... | 220    |
| Carbonate ...             | ... | 220  | Nitrite Nitrogen approx. |     | 0.5    |
| Non-Carbonate ...         | ... | 70   | Oxygen Absorbed ...      | ... | 3.0    |
| Nitrate Nitrogen ...      | ... | 2.6  | Residual Chlorine ...    | ... | —      |
| Ammoniacal Nitrogen ...   | ... | 0.30 | Metals : Iron ...        | ... | 0.36   |
| Albuminoid Nitrogen ...   | ... | 0.20 | Other Metals ...         | ... | Absent |

## BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS.

Number of Colonies developing on Agar :—

|                    |                     |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 day at 37 deg.C. | 2 days at 37 deg.C. | 3 days at 20 deg.C. |
| 750 per ml.        | 800 per ml.         | 14,000 per ml.      |

Presumptive Coli-aerogenes Reaction :—

|            |             |                   |
|------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Present in | Absent from | Probable number   |
| 0.1 ml.    | 0.01 ml.    | 5,000 per 100 ml. |

Bact. coli. (Type 1) :—

|         |          |                   |
|---------|----------|-------------------|
| 0.1 ml. | 0.01 ml. | 5,000 per 100 ml. |
|---------|----------|-------------------|

Cl. welchii Reaction :—

|       |         |
|-------|---------|
| 1 ml. | 0.1 ml. |
|-------|---------|

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This sample is only slightly opalescent in appearance. It has a reaction on the alkaline of neutrality and is free from metals apart from a minute trace of iron. It is hard in character but its hardness and its content of mineral and saline constituents in solution are not excessive. The degree of organic impurity is moderate but the bacteriological examination shows Bact. coli. in large numbers.

The water is considered suitable for treatment under close control for public supply purposes.

ANALYSIS OF A SAMPLE OF WATER RECEIVED 11/11/52 FROM  
SOUTH WEST SUBURBAN WATER COMPANY.

*Labelled Tap in Old Filter House, The Causeway, Staines.*

Date 11/11/52.

*Chemical Results in Parts per Million.*

*Appearance:* Clear and bright.

|                       |     |     |     |       |                       |                        |     |        |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----|--------|
| Colour                | ... | ... | ... | 10    | Turbidity             | ...                    | ... | Nil    |
| pH                    | ... | ... | ... | 7.6   | Odour                 | Very faint chlorinous. |     |        |
| Electric Conductivity | ... | ... | ... | 575   | Free Carbon Dioxide   | ...                    | ... | 8      |
| Chlorine present as   | ... | ... | ... | ...   | Total Solids          | ...                    | ... | 385    |
| Chloride              | ... | ... | ... | 28    | Alkalinity as Calcium | ...                    | ... | ...    |
| Hardness : Total 290— | ... | ... | ... | ...   | Carbonate             | ...                    | ... | 210    |
| Carbonate             | ... | ... | ... | 210   | Nitrite Nitrogen      | ...                    | ... | Absent |
| Non-Carbonate         | ... | ... | ... | 80    | Oxygen Absorbed       | ...                    | ... | 1.2    |
| Nitrate Nitrogen      | ... | ... | ... | 3.8   | Residual Chlorine     | ...                    | ... | 0.05   |
| Ammoniacal Nitrogen   | ... | ... | ... | 0.010 | Metals : Iron.        | Less than              | ... | 0.03   |
| Albuminoid Nitrogen   | ... | ... | ... | 0.076 | Other Metals          | ...                    | ... | Absent |

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS.

Number of Colonies developing on Agar :—

|                    |                     |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 day at 37 deg.C. | 2 days at 37 deg.C. | 3 days at 20 deg.C. |
| 8 per ml.          | 9 per ml.           | 18 per ml.          |

Presumptive Coli-aerogenes Reaction :—

|            |             |                 |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Present in | Absent from | Probable number |
| — ml.      | 100 ml.     | 0 per 100 ml.   |

Bact. coli (Type 1) :—

|       |         |               |
|-------|---------|---------------|
| — ml. | 100 ml. | 0 per 100 ml. |
|-------|---------|---------------|

Cl welchii Reaction :—

|         |        |
|---------|--------|
| 100 ml. | 10 ml. |
|---------|--------|

This sample is clear and bright in appearance, neutral in reaction and free from metals apart from a negligible trace of iron. The water is hard in character but its hardness and its

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content of mineral and saline constituents in solution are not excessive. It is of satisfactory organic quality and of a high standard of bacterial purity.

These results are indicative of a water which is pure and wholesome in character and suitable for public supply purposes.

## SAMPLING.

There is an agreement with two neighbouring Local Authorities whereby each receives copies of analysis relating to samples taken in their respective districts, from the water supplied by the South West Suburban Water Company. Eleven samples were taken during the year under this agreement, four of which were taken in the Windsor Rural District. All were satisfactory.

Five additional samples, three of which, from two properties were satisfactory, were taken from private dwellings. In one of the remaining cases the service pipe had corroded and was renewed, and in the other case, a well that had been sunk by a caravan dweller, was closed. Thirteen samples were taken from a large educational establishment using a chlorinated well supply. Eleven samples were not wholly satisfactory, but did not represent an unfit water supply. Strict supervision of the chlorinating process was maintained and at the time of writing two satisfactory samples have been obtained. The College Authorities are proposing certain works to the well, and alterations to the services, with a view to maintaining a satisfactory supply.

Particulars of the number of dwellings (in Parishes) and the means of supply, are given in the following table:—

| <i>Parish.</i> | <i>Population.</i> | <i>Dwellings<br/>with<br/>Internal<br/>Supply.</i> | <i>Dwellings<br/>with<br/>Standpipes.</i> |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Sunninghill -  | 6,353              | 1,954                                              | Nil.                                      |
| Sunningdale -  | 1,795              | 600                                                | Nil.                                      |
| Old Windsor -  | 2,744              | 813                                                | 26                                        |

## WELL WATER SUPPLIES.

Apart from 33 temporary riverside bungalows at Friary Island, Old Windsor, there is one well in the District supplying water for drinking and domestic purposes to a large Educational

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establishment, at which a chlorinating plant was installed in 1949 following adverse reports on the purity of the supply. As stated in the preceding paragraph thirteen samples were taken from various points on the supply during the year.

## MAIN SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

On the 7th August, 1951, work began on the scheme for sewerage the parish of Old Windsor, a project which for many years has been a "Sanitary matter requiring attention." By the end of 1952 the following portions of the work had been completed:—

|                                |     |     |       |             |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------------|
| 6" Stoneware Sewer             | ... | ... | 363   | yds. lineal |
| 6" Spun Concrete Sewer         | ... | ... | 853   | " "         |
| 7" Spun Iron Sewer             | ... | ... | 719   | " "         |
| 9" Spun Concrete Sewer         | ... | ... | 2,096 | " "         |
| 9" Spun Iron Sewer             | ... | ... | 1,071 | " "         |
| 12" Spun Iron Sewer            | ... | ... | 12    | " "         |
| 15" Spun Iron Sewer            | ... | ... | 677   | " "         |
| 6" Spun Concrete pipe laterals | ... | ... | 640   | " "         |
| Total No. of laterals laid     | ... | ... | 160   |             |
| Average lengths of lateral     | ... | ... | 4     | yds.        |
| 10" Pumping Main               | ... | ... | 931   | yds. lineal |
| 15" Pumping Main (complete)    | ... | ... | 793   | " "         |
| Manholes built complete        | ... | ... | 86    |             |

The foregoing represents approximately 56% of the Contract.

The Council have negotiated terms with the Borough of New Windsor for treatment of the Old Windsor sewage at the Borough Outfall Works on Ham Island. When this scheme is completed, the whole of the district will be sewerage, with the exception of outlying areas in Windsor Great Park, Ham Island and the part of Friary Island lying within the Windsor Rural District. In addition to which some properties in the Parish of Old Windsor and in the rest of the District will remain on cesspool drainage, on account of siting, and the retention of at least one cesspool emptying machine will be necessary. A proposal by the Council to sewer an area comprising 13 good class dwellings known as the Earleydene Estate at South Ascot, was disallowed by the Ministry of Health on the grounds of the excessive cost per house. It would seem, however, that an extension of the sewer is the only satisfactory means of dealing with the drainage of the Estate.

As stated in previous reports the Sunninghill and Sunningdale sewers gravitate to a Pumping Station at Blacknest, from which a rising main over 4 miles in length connects with the Outfall Works at Whitmore Bog, near Bracknell. The final effluent is discharged

into the Bullbrook stream adjacent to the works, after treatment of the crude sewage by sedimentation, rotary filters, humus tanks and land treatment.

The quantity of sewage dealt with at Whitmore Bog during 1952 amounted to 136,297,714 gallons.

Apart from samples taken by the Thames Conservancy, five samples of crude sewage and effluent were taken at the Outfall Works during the year. A typical report received from the Analyst is appended.

*Typical Report on the Examination of Samples of Crude Sewage and Effluent from Sewage Disposal Plant at Whitmore Bog.*

Received on 27th October, 1952. Laboratory Nos. R.4976/R.4977.

|                                |     |     |     | Parts per 100,000 |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                |     |     |     | Crude Sewage.     | Final Effluent.             |
| Ammoniacal nitrogen            | ... | ... |     | 2.8               | .049                        |
| Albuminoid nitrogen            | ... | ... |     | 2.6               | .041                        |
| Nitrogen from nitrites         | ... | ... |     | Absent            | .06                         |
| Nitrogen from nitrates         | ... | ... |     | 4.1               | 3.3                         |
| "Oxygen" absorbed at 27 deg.C. |     |     |     |                   |                             |
| in 3 minutes                   | ... | ... | ... | 2.0               | .52                         |
| "Oxygen" absorbed at 27 deg.C. |     |     |     |                   |                             |
| in 4 hours                     | ... | ... | ... | 3.7               | .68                         |
| Biochemical oxygen demand      |     |     |     |                   |                             |
| (5 days at 65 deg.F.)          | ... | ... |     | 18                | 0.9                         |
| Total solids                   | ... | ... | ... | 66                | 63                          |
| Solids in suspension           | ... | ... |     | 9.9               | 1.2                         |
| Total volatile on ignition     | ... | ... |     | 9.8               | 0.4                         |
| Combined chlorine              | ... | ... |     | 7.25              | 7.25                        |
| Reaction (pH value)            | ... | ... |     | 6.9               | 7.2                         |
| Appearance                     | ... | ... | ... | Black opalescent. | Clear with slight sediment. |

In 1951 the Council called for a Report on the Outfall Works from their Consulting Engineers.

This Report was received in October, 1952, and it proposed that to meet existing, and anticipated future needs, alterations be made to the existing Continuous Settlement Tanks by installing two further tanks with a capacity of 67,000 gallons and adding two shallow final settlement tanks with a combined capacity of 30,000 gallons, and a new filter to deal with effluent from Sunninghill Gas Works.

No action has been taken on this Report on account of the uncertainty relating to Sewage Disposal in the adjacent area of Bracknell New Town, and the desirability from an engineering and

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cost of maintenance point of view, of resiting the Outfall Works at a point near Blacknest, and thus eliminating most of the pumping plant and the  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles of Rising Main. In connection with this a deputation from the Council waited upon the Ministry of Health during the year under review when their proposals, in principle, were favourably received.

The concentrated liquor plant at the Sunninghill Gas Works has now been closed down, and the 4,000 gallons per day effluent from the Works now flowing into the Council's sewers, is much milder in character and comparatively innocuous.

## WET SCAVENGING.

Two 750 gallon Dennis Cesspool Emptiers centred at Old Windsor are used for this work, and it has again been practically impossible to maintain a regular monthly cesspool emptying service in this unsewered Parish. At one period in the year, owing to illness amongst staff, recourse had to be had to hiring a machine and driver for a period of approximately three weeks. The provision of sewers in Old Windsor, referred to elsewhere, is certainly not premature. Demands for cesspool emptying services in the Parishes of Sunninghill and Sunningdale, are dealt with by one machine coming over from Old Windsor for one or two days every other week, and generally speaking, this proves satisfactory, but, apart from the sewers now being laid, increasing development at Old Windsor would seriously jeopardise this arrangement. The contents of cesspools are, by arrangement, discharged into the Windsor Borough sewers, at a point within the Parish of Old Windsor.

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

## COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES.

A weekly collection of household refuse is maintained throughout the District and disposal is by way of controlled tipping at South Ascot, in relation to Sunninghill and Sunningdale, and, by arrangement with Egham U.D.C., at Egham in relation to Old Windsor. Acute staff problems have frequently arisen during the past year and credit is due to all concerned for the way in which the service was maintained, often under very heavy pressure. It is probably true to say that 50% of dry refuse collected, need never reach the dustbin if householders made more effort to dispose of it themselves by burning, burying, etc. The quantity of waste paper that finds its way into dustbins, in spite of salvage appeals, is enormous, and, once mixed with the general refuse, it is usually of no value as salvage, while constituting a serious problem at the tip.

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As stated in previous reports, one small section of the Parish of Old Windsor, i.e., Friary Island, is, by arrangement, serviced by Eton R.D.C. under an agreement entered into in January, 1950. The area concerned is literally an island, separated from the rest of the Parish by a five mile (each way) journey, while joined by a bridge with the mainland, in Eton R.D.

The Council's refuse collection vehicles comprise 3 x 10 cubic yards Dennis machines.

During the year the Council received an ultimatum that unless new agreements were entered into with the County Council, that body proposed to discontinue public health scavenging of streets in Rural Districts on 31st December, 1952.

Meetings with County Council representatives to try and come to agreement as to terms were being held when the year closed.

## SALVAGE.

The Council have maintained the separate collection of waste paper re-started in 1951, but by the middle of 1952 it became impossible to dispose of the large stocks which had accumulated. Eventually these were sold at a nominal price, and for the remainder of the year, effort has been made to collect as little as possible, while still maintaining public interest.

## SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

|                                                                                                                                                                   |     |     |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| No. of informal notices served during the year                                                                                                                    | ... | ... | 72   |
| No. of informal notices complied with during the year                                                                                                             | ... | ... | 54   |
| No. of informal notices outstanding at the end of the year                                                                                                        | ... | ... | 18   |
| No. of formal notices served during the year                                                                                                                      | ... | ... | 8    |
| No. of formal notices complied with during the year                                                                                                               | ... | ... | 7    |
| No. of formal notices outstanding at the end of the year                                                                                                          | ... | ... | 1    |
| Legal proceedings: In one case under the Public Health Act 1936 in which an owner was fined and required to abate nuisances arising from disrepair of a dwelling. |     |     |      |
| Work done by Local Authority in default                                                                                                                           | ... | ... | Nil. |
| No. of complaints received during the year                                                                                                                        | ... | ... | 124  |
| No. of visits and re-visits made on above                                                                                                                         | ... | ... | 188  |

## HOUSING.

## 1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR :

|                                                                                                             |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 64 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|

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|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |      |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
|     | (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...                                                                                                                                              | 158  |
| (2) | (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ... .. | Nil. |
|     | (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...                                                                                                                                              | Nil. |
| (3) | Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..                                                                 | 6    |
| (4) | Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..                              | 58   |
| 2.  | REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE :                                                                                                                            |      |
|     | Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authorities or their officers ... ..                                                            | 44   |

Six dwellings were made the subject of a Notice under Section 11 of Housing Act, 1936, two of these dwellings were demolished, and for the remainder, undertakings re future user were accepted. One further dwelling which was the subject of an undertaking given in 1951 was made fit for habitation during the year under review.

## COUNCIL HOUSES.

The following statistics relate to re-housing in 1952:—

|     |                                                                                                                                      |     |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| (a) | Number of families allocated permanent accommodation ... ..                                                                          | 91  |
| (b) | Number of families allocated temporary accommodation ... ..                                                                          | 38  |
| (c) | Number of requisitioned units at 31st Dec., 1952                                                                                     | 88  |
| (d) | Applicants on waiting list for permanent accommodation at 31st Dec., 1952 (including 209 families in temporary accommodation) ... .. | 564 |

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|                                                                                                                            |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of permanent dwellings completed in 1952<br>(comprising 16 houses, 60 flats and 6 old<br>people's bungalows) ... .. | 82  |
| Total number of post-war dwellings at end of 1952                                                                          | 289 |

One permanent housing site at Ascot has since 1947, been occupied by 79 temporary hutment dwellings. Following extensive treatment in 1949 to alleviate condensation trouble—conditions in these dwellings have been more satisfactory during the year 1952, but their temporary life is fully appreciated by the Council.

The Health Department is responsible for external repairs and maintenance of all pre-war, post-war, temporary and requisitioned property. The total number of such dwellings is now 583.

## NEW PRIVATE HOUSES BUILT.

|                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|
| (1) No. built during the year ... ..     | 11 |
| (2) Total No. built since the war ... .. | 67 |

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

|                                    |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Council owned sites ... ..         | Nil. |
| Privately owned sites ... ..       | 2    |
| Individual caravan licences ... .. | 8    |

The licensed sites in use are at Ascot and Old Windsor. On the former 24 dwellings are allowed and on the latter 12. Main water is laid on to the site in each case and water closets are provided. The conditions attached to the licences, with respect to number and positioning of dwellings, storage and disposal of refuse and waste water, have been satisfactorily observed.

An application for permission to use another site in Ascot as a site for moveable dwellings was rejected under Planning Byelaws and was the subject of an appeal to the Minister in December of the year under review.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD  
AND FOOD PREMISES.

## MILK.

The following tables show Registered Dairies (other than Dairy Farms) and the disposition of Distributors for the sale of raw and designated milk:—

|                                   | Total Licences Issued. | LICENSED TO SELL : |             |              |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
|                                   |                        | T.T.               | Accredited. | Pasteurised. | Sterilised |
| *Registered Dairies ...           | 4                      | —                  | —           | —            | —          |
| Distributors of milk ...          | 13                     | —                  | —           | —            | —          |
| Licensed Dealers ...              | 8                      | 4                  | —           | 3            | 1          |
| Supplementary Licence Holders ... | 13                     | 6                  | —           | 7            | —          |

\*Included in 'Distributors.'

Fifty-eight samples of milk were submitted for keeping quality and heat treatment tests during the year under review, and the results are shown in the following table. In all cases of failing samples, repeat samples are taken and where the source of supply is known, appropriate notification is given to the Authority concerned.

| TEST.                               | RAW               |        | TUBERCULIN TESTED. |        | PASTEURISED ORD.  |        | PASTEURISED T.T.  |        | ACCREDITED.       |        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
|                                     | Satis-<br>factory | Failed | Satis-<br>factory  | Failed | Satis-<br>factory | Failed | Satis-<br>factory | Failed | Satis-<br>factory | Failed |
| Methylene blue<br>(keeping quality) | 1                 | —      | 5                  | —      | 44                | 4      | 3                 | —      | 1                 | —      |
| Phosphatase<br>(heat treatment) ... | —                 | —      | —                  | —      | 46                | 2      | 3                 | —      | —                 | —      |

## ICE CREAM.

There are no Ice Cream Manufacturers in this District, but there are 18 premises registered for the sale of this commodity.

Twenty samples of Ice Cream were taken during 1952, and the results classified under the Provisional Grades, are as follows:—

|                        |     |     |     |   |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| No. of Grade 1 samples | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| No. of Grade 2 samples | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| No. of Grade 3 samples | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| No. of Grade 4 samples | ... | ... | ... | 5 |

The Five "Grade 4" samples came from a manufactory outside the District and following co-operation with the Health Department concerned, a Grade 1 sample was subsequently obtained from this source before the year closed.

Suppliers are duly notified of the results of the examinations.

*Note:* In 1938 a Sub-Committee of the Public Health Laboratory Service suggested that no less than 50% of a vendor's samples should fall into Grade 1, 30% into Grades 1 and 2, and not more than 20% into Grade 3 and none into Grade 4.

## MEAT.

There are no private slaughterhouses in use in this District, but 5 such premises are licensed under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Slaughtering for the District is now carried out at Reading. During 1952, 489 lbs. of carcase meat was surrendered as unfit for human consumption in addition to 40 tins of canned meat. The seven butchers' shops are reasonably well kept, and no specific action has been necessary under the Food and Drugs Act, or Food Byelaws.

## OTHER FOODS.

(1) *Bakehouses.*

There are five bakehouses in the District and in two cases re-decorations and repairs were called for and carried out.

(2) *Registered Food Premises.*

There are now 29 Registered Food Premises in the area, of which 17 are for the sale of ice-cream. During the year five premises were registered, 4 for the sale of ice-cream, and one for the preparation of boiled gammons. In all cases ice-cream is sold pre-packed.

(3) *Cafes and Restaurants.*

There are in the District 14 cafes and restaurants.

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(4) *Public Houses.*

32 Premises are licensed for the sale of intoxicants, etc.

(5) *Food Byelaws.*

No formal action under the Food Byelaws which the Council adopted in 1950 was necessary during the year.

## UN SOUND FOOD.

The following articles of food have been examined, voluntarily surrendered and disposed of as being unfit for human food, during the year:—

*Canned Products:*

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Milk ... ..         | 15 tins |
| Meat ... ..         | 40 tins |
| Ham ... ..          | 4 tins  |
| Fish ... ..         | 3 tins  |
| Jam ... ..          | 1 tin   |
| Fruits ... ..       | 22 tins |
| Vegetables ... ..   | 33 tins |
| Soups ... ..        | 8 tins  |
| Paste ... ..        | 1 jar   |
| Fruit Juices ... .. | 1 tin   |

*Fresh and Cured Products:*

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Meat ... ..   | 489 lbs. |
| Fish ... ..   | 196 lbs. |
| Bacon ... ..  | 35 lbs.  |
| Cheese ... .. | 12 lbs.  |

*Dried Products, etc.:*

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Prunes ... .. | 27 lbs. |
|---------------|---------|

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DISINFECTION AND  
DISINFESTATION.

During 1952, the area remained free from serious outbreaks of infectious disease. There were 13 cases of scarlet fever, all of a mild character. Twenty-three visits were made and two rooms were disinfected. Three houses were treated for bed bugs and 19 visits were made for the destruction of wasps, ants, moles, etc.

## RODENT CONTROL.

Arrangements for sharing the service of a Rodent Operator with Easthampstead R.D.C. was discontinued on 31st March, 1952, when Mr. A. V. Thompson was appointed to full time duties in the Windsor R.D.C. The following is a summary of his work for the nine months April–December, 1952:—

|                                                  |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Premises visited on complaint ... ..             | 120              |
| Premises surveyed for infestation ... ..         | 1,498            |
| Premises found to be infested and treated ... .. | 277              |
| Major infestations ... ..                        | Nil.             |
| Results of sewer baiting ... ..                  | No takes.        |
| Various other disinfestations ... ..             | 19—see para. 15. |

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## RAG FLOCK ACT, 1951.

Under Section 2 of the above Act, which came into force on November 1st, 1951, Local Authorities on application by occupiers and payment of £1 Registration Fee, must register premises for the purposes of the Act. To date 5 such premises have been registered in this District. These are all related to the small family type of business.

## SANITARY MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

## PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

In the Report for 1951 reference is made to the provision of a Public Convenience at Ascot. This need has not lessened and continues to be accentuated by the annual influx of visitors on the occasions of the Ascot Race Meetings. It is anticipated that further thought will be given to this matter during the coming year.

## SEWERING OF EARLEYDENE ESTATE.

This matter is also referred to at Page 90 in the 1950 Report and under "Sewerage and Sewage Disposal" elsewhere in this Report. It received further consideration by the Council during 1952; but no progress has been made, for reasons previously stated.

## ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT (1937).

## 1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

| <i>Premises</i><br>(1)                                                                                       | <i>M/c<br/>line<br/>No.</i><br>(2) | <i>Number<br/>on<br/>Register</i><br>(3) | <i>Number of</i>          |                                   |                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                              |                                    |                                          | <i>Inspections</i><br>(4) | <i>Written<br/>notices</i><br>(5) | <i>Occupiers<br/>prosecuted</i><br>(6) |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..             | 1                                  | 10                                       | 6                         | —                                 | —                                      |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...                 | 2                                  | 43                                       | 33                        | 2                                 | —                                      |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | 3                                  | —                                        | —                         | —                                 | —                                      |
| TOTAL ... ..                                                                                                 |                                    | 53                                       | 39                        | 2                                 | —                                      |

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2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

| Particulars                                                            | M/c<br>line<br>No. | No of cases in which defects<br>were found |          |                     |                     | Number of<br>cases in<br>which<br>prosec't'ns<br>were<br>instituted |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                        |                    | Found                                      | Remedied | To H.M.<br>Insp'tor | By H.M.<br>Insp'tor |                                                                     |
| (1)                                                                    | (2)                | (3)                                        | (4)      | (5)                 | (6)                 | (7)                                                                 |
| Want of cleanliness ...                                                | 4                  | 2                                          | 2        | —                   | —                   | —                                                                   |
| Overcrowding ... ..                                                    | 5                  | —                                          | —        | —                   | —                   | —                                                                   |
| Unreasonable tempera-<br>ture ... ..                                   | 6                  | —                                          | —        | —                   | —                   | —                                                                   |
| Inadequate ventilation                                                 | 7                  | —                                          | —        | —                   | —                   | —                                                                   |
| Ineffective drainage of<br>floors ... ..                               | 8                  | —                                          | —        | —                   | —                   | —                                                                   |
| Sanitary Conveniences                                                  |                    |                                            |          |                     |                     |                                                                     |
| (a) Insufficient ...                                                   | 9                  | 1                                          | 1        | —                   | —                   | —                                                                   |
| (b) Unsuitable or<br>defective ... ..                                  | 10                 | 1                                          | 1        | —                   | —                   | —                                                                   |
| (c) Not separate for<br>sexes ... ..                                   | 11                 | —                                          | —        | —                   | —                   | —                                                                   |
| Other offences (not in-<br>cluding offences re-<br>lating to Homework) | 12                 | 2                                          | 2        | 1                   | —                   | —                                                                   |
| TOTAL ... ..                                                           | 60                 | 6                                          | 6        | 1                   | —                   | —                                                                   |

PART VIII OF THE ACT.  
OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

| Nature<br>of<br>Work<br>(1)                 | M/c<br>line<br>No.<br>(2) | Section 110                                                                            |                                                                               |                                                                         | Section 111                                                              |                                    |                               |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                             |                           | No. of<br>out-<br>workers<br>in August<br>list req'd<br>by Sect.<br>110 (1) (c)<br>(3) | No. of<br>cases of<br>default in<br>sending<br>lists to the<br>Council<br>(4) | No. of<br>prosecu-<br>tions for<br>failure to<br>supply<br>lists<br>(5) | No. of<br>instances<br>of work in<br>unwhole-<br>some<br>premises<br>(6) | Not-<br>ices<br>serv-<br>ed<br>(7) | Pro-<br>secu-<br>t'ns.<br>(8) |
| Wearing<br>apparel :<br>Making,<br>etc. ... | 13                        | 4                                                                                      | —                                                                             | —                                                                       | —                                                                        | —                                  | —                             |
| TOTAL ...                                   | 70                        | 4                                                                                      | —                                                                             | —                                                                       | —                                                                        | —                                  | —                             |

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Rural District.

STATISTICS.

|                                                                            |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Area (in acres) ... ..                                                     | 40,828   |
| Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book<br>at end of 1952 ... .. | 10,094   |
| Rateable Value, 1st April, 1953 ... ..                                     | £251,394 |
| Product of a Penny Rate ... ..                                             | £1,047   |
| <i>Population</i> (estimated mid-year) ... ..                              | 38,460   |

*Live Births*

|                     | <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| Legitimate ... ..   | 270       | 228       | 498           |
| Illegitimate ... .. | 14        | 14        | 28            |
| Total ... ..        | 284       | 242       | 526           |

|                                                            |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| <i>Live Birth Rate (actual)</i> (per 1,000 population) ... | 13.7 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------|

*Live Birth Rate (corrected)*

If Wokingham Rural District had a population with the same age and sex groups as the country as a whole, the following are the comparable rates:—

|                                 |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Wokingham Rural District ... .. | 14.5 |
| England & Wales ... ..          | 15.3 |

*Still Births*

| <i>M.</i> | <i>F.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| 8         | 7         | 15            |

*Still Birth Rate* (per 1,000 population)

|                                 |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Wokingham Rural District ... .. | 0.39 |
| England & Wales ... ..          | 0.35 |

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Deaths (all causes)

| M.  | F.  | Total. |
|-----|-----|--------|
| 207 | 170 | 377    |

Death Rate (actual) per 1,000 population ... 9.8

Death Rate (corrected)

|                          |     |     |      |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| Wokingham Rural District | ... | ... | 9.7  |
| England & Wales          | ... | ... | 11.3 |

Infant Deaths

|                     | M. | F. | Total. |
|---------------------|----|----|--------|
| Legitimate ... ..   | 10 | 1  | 11     |
| Illegitimate ... .. | 1  | 0  | 1      |
| Total ... ..        | 11 | 1  | 12     |

Infant Death Rate (per 1,000 live births)

|                          |     |     |      |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| Wokingham Rural District | ... | ... | 22.8 |
| England & Wales          | ... | ... | 27.6 |

Deaths Under 4 Weeks of Age

|                     | M. | F. | Total. |
|---------------------|----|----|--------|
| Legitimate ... ..   | 7  | 1  | 8      |
| Illegitimate ... .. | 1  | 0  | 1      |
| Total ... ..        | 8  | 1  | 9      |

Tuberculosis Deaths

|                    | M. | F. | Total. |
|--------------------|----|----|--------|
| Respiratory ... .. | 6  | 3  | 9      |
| Other ... ..       | 0  | 0  | 0      |
| Total ... ..       | 6  | 3  | 9      |

Tuberculosis Death Rate (per 1,000 population)

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Respiratory ... ..        | 0.23 |
| Other ... ..              | 0.00 |
| All forms ... ..          | 0.23 |
| England & Wales—all forms | 0.24 |

Maternal Deaths ... .. 1

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## INFECTIOUS DISEASES DEATH RATE.

(Not including Tuberculosis).

|                                              | Wokingham<br>Rural<br>District. | England<br>&<br>Wales. |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Typhoid and Paratyphoid fever ...            | 0.00                            | 0.00                   |
| Whooping Cough ... ..                        | 0.00                            | 0.00                   |
| Diphtheria ... ..                            | 0.00                            | 0.00                   |
| Influenza ... ..                             | 0.00                            | 0.04                   |
| Smallpox ... ..                              | 0.00                            | 0.00                   |
| Acute Poliomyelitis and<br>Polioencephalitis | 0.00                            | 0.01                   |
| Pneumonia ... ..                             | 0.57                            | 0.47                   |
| Measles ... ..                               | 0.00                            | —                      |

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN WOKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1952.

| CAUSES OF DEATH.                                   | Males | Females |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| ALL CAUSES.                                        | 207   | 170     |
| 1. Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..                | 6     | 3       |
| 2. Tuberculosis, other ... ..                      | —     | —       |
| 3. Syphilitic disease ... ..                       | 1     | 2       |
| 4. Diphtheria ... ..                               | —     | —       |
| 5. Whooping Cough ... ..                           | —     | —       |
| 6. Meningococcal infections ... ..                 | —     | 1       |
| 7. Acute poliomyelitis ... ..                      | —     | —       |
| 8. Measles ... ..                                  | —     | —       |
| 9. Other infective and parasitic diseases ... ..   | 1     | —       |
| 10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... ..             | 11    | 5       |
| 11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ... ..      | 9     | 1       |
| 12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ... ..              | —     | 3       |
| 13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..              | —     | 3       |
| 14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ... .. | 24    | 15      |
| 15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia ... ..                   | —     | —       |
| 16. Diabetes ... ..                                | —     | 3       |
| 17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ... ..      | 22    | 28      |
| 18. Coronary Disease, angina ... ..                | 26    | 20      |
| 19. Hypertension with heart disease ... ..         | 3     | 6       |
| 20. Other heart disease ... ..                     | 32    | 24      |
| 21. Other circulatory disease ... ..               | 11    | 15      |
| 22. Influenza ... ..                               | —     | —       |
| 23. Pneumonia ... ..                               | 11    | 11      |
| 24. Bronchitis ... ..                              | 10    | 3       |
| 25. Other diseases of respiratory system ... ..    | 3     | —       |
| 26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ... ..           | 3     | 1       |
| 27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ... ..      | —     | 2       |
| 28. Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..                 | 2     | 1       |
| 29. Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..                 | 4     | —       |
| 30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ... ..         | —     | 1       |
| 31. Congenital malformations ... ..                | 1     | 1       |
| 32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ... ..  | 18    | 18      |
| 33. Motor vehicle accidents ... ..                 | 3     | 1       |
| 34. All other accidents ... ..                     | 6     | 1       |
| 35. Suicide ... ..                                 | —     | —       |
| 36. Homicide and operations of war ... ..          | —     | 1       |

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

IMMUNISATION.

During the year 347 children were immunised against Diphtheria for the first time. One hundred and thirty-five children received re-inforcing injections.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below:—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1952.  
(other than Tuberculosis).

|                                                     |     |     |     | Rate per 1,000 civilian population. |                           |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
|                                                     |     |     |     | Total cases notified.               | Wokingham Rural District. | England & Wales. |
| Typhoid fever                                       | ... | ... | ... | 0                                   | 0.00                      | 0.00             |
| Paratyphoid fever                                   | ... | ... | ... | 0                                   | 0.00                      | 0.02             |
| Meningococcal infection                             | ... | ... | ... | 2                                   | 0.06                      | 0.03             |
| Scarlet fever                                       | ... | ... | ... | 26                                  | 0.78                      | 1.53             |
| Whooping cough                                      | ... | ... | ... | 53                                  | 1.59                      | 2.61             |
| Diphtheria                                          | ... | ... | ... | 0                                   | 0.00                      | 0.01             |
| Erysipelas                                          | ... | ... | ... | 1                                   | 0.03                      | 0.14             |
| Smallpox                                            | ... | ... | ... | 0                                   | 0.00                      | 0.00             |
| Measles                                             | ... | ... | ... | 114                                 | 3.42                      | 8.86             |
| Pneumonia                                           | ... | ... | ... | 37                                  | 1.11                      | 0.72             |
| Acute poliomyelitis (including polioencephalitis) : |     |     |     |                                     |                           |                  |
| (a) Paralytic                                       | ... | ... | ... | 3                                   | 0.09                      | 0.06             |
| (b) Non-paralytic                                   | ... | ... | ... | 0                                   | 0.00                      | 0.03             |
| Food poisoning                                      | ... | ... | ... | 5                                   | 0.15                      | 0.13             |
| Dysentery                                           | ... | ... | ... | 15                                  | 0.45                      | —                |
| *Puerperal pyrexia                                  | ... | ... | ... | 1                                   | 1.90                      | 17.87            |
| *Ophthalmia neonatorum                              | ... | ... | ... | 1                                   | 1.90                      | —                |

\* Rate per 1,000 Total Births.

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1952.

| Disease.                | Years: | 0- | 1- | 2- | 3- | 4- | 5- | 10- | 15- | 20- | 35- | 45- | 65- |
|-------------------------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Dysentery               | ...    | —  | 1  | 1  | 3  | 2  | 3  | 1   | 1   | 2   | —   | 1   | —   |
| Erysipelas              | ...    | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —   |
| Food Poisoning          | ...    | —  | —  | 1  | —  | 1  | 1  | —   | —   | 1   | —   | 1   | —   |
| Measles                 | ... .. | —  | 9  | 12 | 11 | 15 | 62 | 1   | 1   | 2   | 1   | —   | —   |
| Meningococcal Infection | ...    | —  | —  | 1  | —  | —  | —  | 1   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum   | ...    | 1  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   |
| Pneumonia               | ...    | —  | 1  | 2  | 2  | —  | 1  | 1   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 12  | 11  |
| Poliomyelitis           | ...    | —  | 1  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —   | 1   | 1   | —   | —   |
| Puerperal Pyrexia       | ...    | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —   | 1   | —   | —   | —   |
| Scarlet Fever           | ...    | —  | —  | 2  | 2  | —  | 19 | 1   | 1   | 1   | —   | —   | —   |
| Whooping Cough          | ...    | 3  | 2  | 5  | 4  | 6  | 31 | 1   | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —   |

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TUBERCULOSIS.

| Age Groups   |     | NEW CASES |    |           |    | DEATHS    |    |           |    |
|--------------|-----|-----------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|
|              |     | Pulmonary |    | Non-Pulm. |    | Pulmonary |    | Non-Pulm. |    |
|              |     | M         | F. | M.        | F. | M.        | F. | M         | F. |
| Under 1 year | ... | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 1— 5 years   | ... | 1         | —  | 1         | 1  | 1         | —  | —         | —  |
| 5—15         | ... | 1         | 1  | 1         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 15—25        | ... | 1         | 1  | 1         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 25—35        | ... | 1         | 4  | 1         | —  | —         | 1  | —         | —  |
| 35—45        | ... | 3         | 4  | —         | —  | —         | —  | —         | —  |
| 45—55        | ... | 3         | —  | —         | —  | 1         | 1  | —         | —  |
| 55—65        | ... | 3         | —  | —         | —  | 3         | —  | —         | —  |
| 65 and over  | ... | 1         | —  | —         | —  | 1         | 1  | —         | —  |
| Totals       | ... | 14        | 10 | 4         | 1  | 6         | 3  | —         | —  |

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES—  
STAFF.

The technical staff of the Public Health Department consists of:—

|                                 |                |           |          |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| Chief Sanitary Inspector :      | D. Evans,      | appointed | 3/3/37.  |
| Additional Sanitary Inspector : | M. Cottrell,   | appointed | 5/1/41.  |
| Additional Sanitary Inspector : | E. Huntington, | appointed | 8/10/47. |
| Additional Sanitary Inspector : | R. G. Hopkins, | appointed | 11/3/52, |
|                                 |                | resigned  | 28/2/53. |

WATER SUPPLY.

PUBLIC SUPPLIES.

The Council's Waterworks Manager, Mr. E. A. Hoskins, M.I.Mun.E., F.I.S.E., reports—"The two outstanding events of the year were the abandonment of the Tagg Lane source of water supply consequent upon the provision of the new booster station at Bowsey Hill Reservoir, and the receipt of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government approval to the proposal to purchase by agreement the Arborfield Mill source of supply from the Loddon Valley Water Supply Co., Ltd.

"The annual amount of water supplied and pumped was 394,179,000 gallons, and the total mileage of mains is 134 miles. New connections to mains supply numbered 197 and the increased tempo of building work has accentuated difficulties in obtaining sufficient labour to cope with the demands.

"Main extensions during the year have again been confined to those necessary in connection with new housing and, whilst the pipe delivery position and stocks in hand have very greatly improved, progress is now retarded by the inadequacies of the labour force available."

The Council's area of supply covers 13 of the 15 parishes, the Mid-Wessex Water Company being the suppliers in the other

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two. Small areas are also supplied by the Reading Borough Waterworks and the Henley Water Company. The position as shown by the following table is considered reasonably satisfactory. The majority of the properties shown as on well supply are isolated and will need long lengths of uneconomic main in order to afford them a main supply.

STATISTICS RELATING TO WATER SUPPLIES  
IN THE DISTRICT.

|                        |               | <i>No. of<br/>Dwelling<br/>Houses.</i> | <i>No. on<br/>R.D.C.<br/>Main<br/>Water<br/>Supply.</i> | <i>No. on other<br/>Companies<br/>Water<br/>Supplies.</i> | <i>No. not<br/>on Main<br/>Water.</i> |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Arborfield & Newland   | 300.          | 238                                    | —                                                       | 62                                                        |                                       |
| Barkham ... ..         | 201           | 165                                    | —                                                       | 36                                                        |                                       |
| Earley ... ..          | 1,463         | 874                                    | 562                                                     | Reading<br>Borough<br>Waterworks.<br>27                   |                                       |
| Finchampstead ...      | 642           | 5                                      | 560                                                     | Mid-Wessex<br>Water Co. 77                                |                                       |
| Remenham ... ..        | 143           | 32                                     | 52                                                      | Henley<br>Water Co. 59                                    |                                       |
| Ruscombe ... ..        | 167           | 140                                    | —                                                       | 27                                                        |                                       |
| St. Nicholas Hurst ... | 382           | 267                                    | —                                                       | 115                                                       |                                       |
| Shinfield ... ..       | 1,235         | 1,149                                  | —                                                       | 86                                                        |                                       |
| Sonning ... ..         | 313           | 286                                    | —                                                       | 27                                                        |                                       |
| Swallowfield ... ..    | 494           | 335                                    | —                                                       | 159                                                       |                                       |
| Twyford ... ..         | 522           | 512                                    | —                                                       | 10                                                        |                                       |
| Wargrave ... ..        | 839           | 759                                    | —                                                       | 80                                                        |                                       |
| Winnersh ... ..        | 662           | 604                                    | —                                                       | 58                                                        |                                       |
| Wokingham Without      | 842           | 8                                      | 784                                                     | Mid-Wessex<br>Water Co. 50                                |                                       |
| Woodley & Sandford     | 1,889         | 1,774                                  | —                                                       | 115                                                       |                                       |
|                        | <u>10,094</u> | <u>7,148</u>                           | <u>1958</u>                                             | <u>988</u>                                                |                                       |

PRIVATE SUPPLIES.

'Twenty samples of water were taken for bacteriological analysis from private wells in various parts of the district, and the results may be classified as under:—

|              |     |     |     |    |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Satisfactory | ... | ... | ... | 8. |
| Passable     | ... | ... | ... | 3. |
| Unfit        | ... | ... | ... | 9. |

The number of visits in connection with water supply was 75. Action in regard to the nine unfit samples resulted in the connection of the properties to the main water supply.

## MAIN SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The Council's Engineer, Mr. E. A. Hoskins, M.I.Mun.E., F.I.S.E., reports that—"It is noteworthy that it has proved possible to obtain Government approval to the construction of a part of the deferred Main Drainage Scheme including the construction of a part of the new Sewage Disposal Works at Marsh Farm. The reduced scheme will nevertheless take a considerable time to complete and meanwhile the difficulties of disposing of the sewage delivered by the sewers constructed as an "Advanced" section of the whole scheme continue to be a source of anxiety. The connections of properties to the new sewers at Wargrave and Twyford and also the "Advanced" section already referred to are approaching completion. The scheme for Main Drainage of the Pinewood area is also due to commence.

The year has also been marked by the completion of the sewerage of Finchampstead Village, the extension of the King Street Lane Sewage Disposal Works including sewers to provide for the connection of the existing sewer serving the Sindlesham area. In addition various other works are in course of construction including the scheme for the drainage of existing properties in Reading Road, Winnersh, sewerage and sewage disposal works for new Council houses at Remenham and sewerage and sewage disposal works extensions to new Council houses at Nine Mile Ride, Wokingham Without."

## WET SCAVENGING.

For the first time the effects of the Council's main drainage schemes are seen on the Wet Scavenging Services. The connections to the sewers of properties in Twyford and Woodley, have resulted in the reduction of the fleet of cesspool emptiers from twelve to eleven. It will, however, have to be remembered that these cesspool emptiers are now operating in the more rural parts of the area and consequently the number of cesspools emptied by each vehicle is smaller than when dealing with properties in the more urban parts of the district where the disposal point is reasonably close to the area. There are still approximately 4,600 cesspools in the area of which records are kept in the office. It is thus impossible to give the minimum service specified by the Council (an eight weekly collection) to all these properties. Application is made for each emptying and as certain septic tanks require infrequent visits the remaining properties can be dealt with at approximately eight weekly intervals.

The year marked the inception of diesel engined vehicles into this service. From the results so far obtained it would appear that the extra cost of these vehicles will be met by the saving in fuel consumption within the first two years of their life. The following is a tabular statement of the performance of the cesspool emptying fleet:—

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| Lorry.  | Working<br>Time. | Miles. | Fuel<br>Galls. | Fuel<br>M.P.G. | Engine<br>Oil.<br>Pints. | Gallons<br>emptied. | No. of<br>Cess-<br>pools. | Length<br>of Track<br>Laid Ft. | Sewage<br>Pumped<br>per Gall.<br>of Fuel. |
|---------|------------------|--------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| No. 1.  | 1500½            | 3836   | 1137           | 3.37           | 122                      | 1291400             | 1569                      | 165200                         | 1131                                      |
| No. 2.  | 1285             | 5634   | 1507           | 3.73           | 104                      | 1067250             | 1040                      | 100100                         | 708                                       |
| No. 3.  | 1686½            | 9322   | 2117           | 4.40           | 160                      | 1315000             | 1579                      | 147930                         | 621                                       |
| No. 4.  | 400              | 2042   | 571            | 3.58           | 60                       | 309750              | 361                       | 35350                          | 545                                       |
| No. 5.  | 1784½            | 6202   | 1709           | 3.63           | 129                      | 1436000             | 1447                      | 170620                         | 842                                       |
| No. 6.  | 1648½            | 5252   | 1799           | 2.92           | 247                      | 1439500             | 1548                      | 132420                         | 800                                       |
| No. 7.  | 1439½            | 8016   | 1275           | 6.29           | 136                      | 1029500             | 1252                      | 128320                         | 807                                       |
| No. 8.  | 1879             | 8166   | 1458           | 5.67           | 162                      | 1709250             | 1845                      | 166870                         | 1172                                      |
| No. 9.  | 1973½            | 10667  | 1603           | 6.65           | 172                      | 1732250             | 1886                      | 179090                         | 1081                                      |
| No. 10. | 1941½            | 9582   | 1414           | 6.77           | 122                      | 1595500             | 1838                      | 156710                         | 1145                                      |
| No. 11. | 2144             | 9611   | 1789           | 5.37           | 106                      | 2581000             | 2646                      | 275300                         | 1443                                      |
| No. 12. | 753½             | 5340   | 415D           | 12.86          | 81                       | 593710              | 711                       | 71390                          | 1431                                      |
| No. 13. | 604½             | 3037   | 322D           | 9.43           | 41                       | 478290              | 525                       | 50160                          | 1485                                      |
|         | 19040½           | 86707  | 17116          | —              | 1642                     | 16578400            | 18247                     | 1779460                        | —                                         |

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Nos. 2 and 4 have been disposed of during the year. The table shows at a glance the relative efficiency of the fleet, as the vehicles are shown in order of date of purchase. The last two, Nos. 12 and 13, are the diesel engined machines which are outstanding in their efficiency and economy.

The disposal of cesspool sewage in this area is a constant problem as none of this type of sewage is disposed of into sewers. I am pleased to say that all the sites have been satisfactory in use during the last year, with the exception of Gipsy Lane. Here, as will be noted from the figures, the volume of cesspool sewage disposed of is considerably lower than in the previous year. However, in addition to the figures shown, this site is being used for the land treatment of sewage from approximately four hundred and fifty houses pending the construction of disposal works. This volume of sewage reaching the site, which cannot be controlled in the same way as cesspool emptying, has grossly overloaded the site and conditions will not improve until sewage disposal works are constructed. The table below shows the comparative figures for disposal of cesspool sewage:—

| <i>Site.</i>   |     |     |     | <i>Disposal</i><br>1951/52<br><i>Galls.</i> | <i>Disposal</i><br>1952/53.<br><i>Galls.</i> |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Winnersh Farm  | ... | ... | ... | 1,594,649                                   | 1,973,970                                    |
| Twyford        | ... | ... | ... | 3,670,312                                   | 2,123,250                                    |
| Colemansmoor   | ... | ... | ... | 4,155,062                                   | 3,098,250                                    |
| Gipsy Lane     | ... | ... | ... | 5,876,822                                   | 3,973,870                                    |
| Borough Sewers | ... | ... | ... | 1,101,750                                   | 712,470                                      |
| Kiln Farm      | ... | ... | ... | 115,000                                     | —                                            |
| Field Sites    | ... | ... | ... | 2,330,250                                   | 4,717,570                                    |
|                |     |     |     | <u>18,843,845</u>                           | <u>16,599,380</u>                            |

One outstanding feature of this table is the increasing amount that has been disposed of other than on the Council's permanent sites. This has the effect of leaving Council sites to deal with a less quantity of sewage, which reduces the haulage in the outlying areas and the local farmers are most anxious to avail themselves. Care has, therefore, to be taken in the selection of these field sites as I will not allow sites where there are growing crops and to which cattle have access, to be used for this purpose. During the year negotiations have been in progress for the purchase of the Winnersh site. When these have been completed an access road will be made and major alterations made on this site to deal with an increased volume of sewage. The improvements so far made, are of a temporary nature, and no nuisance has arisen during the last year.

The number of cesspools emptied during the year was 15,700 as against 16,575 in the previous year.

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## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

## (a) COLLECTION SERVICES.

The collection arrangements remain the same as in the previous year, i.e., a kerbside collection throughout the district. Several applications from Parish Councils for the Council employees to fetch the bins from the rear of the properties and return them, have been turned down by the Council, on account of the expense involved. A concession that employees should do this work in cases where the occupants are aged and infirm, is in operation. The number of such cases increases weekly.

At the present time five vehicles are employed on collection, one Dennis and three Karrier side-loader vehicles of ten yards capacity and one Shelvoke and Drewry Moving Floor of twenty-four yards capacity. The number of new houses, both Council and private enterprise, together with Service Married Quarters and caravans, has resulted in approximately 8% increases in dwellings over the previous year. This number is increasing weekly and the fleet of collecting vehicles is proving inadequate to deal with this increase. The Council have decided to replace one ten yard vehicle by a self-trimming vehicle of twice the capacity. This should improve the position for a short period and will allow the old side-loader to be retained as a spare vehicle.

## (b) DISPOSAL.

Disposal has again been entirely by controlled tipping. For this work use of two Bedford open lorries is made, together with a Chaseside Shovel for excavating and loading earth and sub-soil. Tipping operations are at all times kept neat and tidy and no nuisance from smell or insect pests have been encountered during the last year.

The disposal is shown below:—

| <i>Site.</i>              |        | <i>Refuse<br/>Disposed of.<br/>Yds.</i> | <i>Cover Used.<br/>Yds.</i> |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Depot, Winnersh           | ... .. | 13430                                   | 3867                        |
| Wee Waif, Woodley         | ... .. | 9066                                    | 2545                        |
| Recreation Field, Twyford | ... .. | 5367                                    | 1237                        |
| School Green, Shinfield   | ... .. | —                                       | —                           |
| Hennerton, Wargrave       | ... .. | 506                                     | 43                          |
|                           |        | <hr/> 28369 <hr/>                       | <hr/> 7692 <hr/>            |

The tip at Wee Waif was completely filled by March 1953, but no tipping took place at School Green as it was not possible to find a suitable tipman. Concentration of tipping was made at the depot, which entailed more vehicle haulage miles but a saving on disposal costs. The use of all large capacity vehicles would make concentration of tipping a more attractive proposition.

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(c) SALVAGE.

During the year the value of salvage has fallen considerably. The Council implemented a bonus scheme at the beginning of the financial year. This scheme allows for a bonus in cash of 50% of the value of the salvage disposed of above a target (the average of the last five years collections).

The total disposal during the financial year ended March, 1953, together with the previous year's figures, is shown below:—

| <i>Material.</i>   | AMOUNT.                       |                               | VALUE.                        |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                    | <i>Year Ended</i><br>31/3/53. | <i>Year Ended</i><br>31/3/52. | <i>Year Ended</i><br>31/3/53. | <i>Year Ended</i><br>31/3/52. |
|                    | T. C. Q.                      | T. C. Q.                      | £ s. d.                       | £ s. d.                       |
| Waste Paper ...    | 121 13 0                      | 110 6 2                       | 897 17 6                      | 1683 2 0                      |
| Graded Paper ...   | 61 1 3                        | 47 9 0                        | 591 9 11                      | 976 15 9                      |
| Ferrous Metals ... | 35 1 2                        | 46 4 1                        | 121 10 9                      | 123 0 9                       |
| Non-Ferrous Metals | 1 10 1                        | 8 0                           | 95 5 4                        | 36 7 8                        |
| Textiles ...       | 10 1 0                        | 4 15 3                        | 273 9 0                       | 144 13 9                      |
| Miscellaneous ...  | 1 16 0                        | 2 0                           | 5 3 0                         | 1 5 0                         |
|                    | 231 3 2                       | 209 5 2                       | 1984 15 6                     | 2965 4 11                     |

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## SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

## NOTICES.

|                                                                                    |     |     |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| No. of informal notices served during the year                                     | ... | ... | 136  |
| No. of informal notices complied with during the year<br>(including previous year) | ... | ... | 98   |
| No. of informal notices outstanding at end of the year                             | ... | ... | 66   |
| No. of formal notices served during the year                                       | ... | ... | 11   |
| No. of formal notices complied with                                                | ... | ... | 9    |
| No. of formal notices outstanding at end of the year                               | ... | ... | 2    |
| Legal Proceedings                                                                  | ... | ... | Nil. |
| Work done by Local Authority in default                                            | ... | ... | 1    |

## COMPLAINTS.

|                                  |     |     |     |     |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| No. received during the year     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 350 |
| No. of visits and re-visits made | ... | ... | ... | ... | 916 |

## HOUSING.

## (a) HOUSING STATISTICS TABLE.

1. *Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year:*

|     |     |                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) | (a) | Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)                                                                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 409 |
|     | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose                                                                                                                                          |     |     |     |     | 678 |
| (2) | (a) | Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 41  |
|     | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose                                                                                                                                          |     |     |     |     | 136 |
| (3) |     | Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation                                                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23  |
| (4) |     | Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 102 |

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2. *Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices:*

|                                                                                                                                    |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... .. | 104 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|

3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:*

## A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

- |                                                                                                |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... .. | 2    |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—        |      |
| (a) By Owners ... ..                                                                           | Nil. |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ...                                                | Nil. |

## B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

- |                                                                                                               |      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... .. | 2    |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—                |      |
| (a) By Owners ... ..                                                                                          | Nil. |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ...                                                               | Nil. |

## C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

- |                                                                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... .. | 5 |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ..    | 4 |

## D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 Nil.

4. *Housing Act, 1936, Part IV—Overcrowding.*

Special consideration is given under the Council's Pointing System to applicants who are officially overcrowded and to cases in which active tuberculosis is known to exist.

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## (b) COUNCIL HOUSES— BUILDING PROGRESS.

POSITION AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1952.

| <i>District.</i>               | <i>Pre-1939.</i> | <i>Built 1944.</i> | <i>Present Building Programme.</i> |                         |                  | <i>Total.</i>     |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                                |                  |                    | <i>Completed Post-War.</i>         | <i>Under Construct.</i> | <i>Approved.</i> |                   |
| Arborfield and Newlands ... .. | 38               | 2                  | 42                                 | —                       | 16               | 98                |
| Barkham ... ..                 | 8                | —                  | —                                  | —                       | —                | 8                 |
| Earley ... ..                  | 4                | —                  | —                                  | —                       | 46               | 50                |
| Finchampstead ... ..           | 26               | —                  | 30                                 | 12                      | —                | 68                |
| Hurst ... ..                   | 22               | —                  | 26                                 | —                       | —                | 48                |
| Remenham ... ..                | —                | —                  | —                                  | —                       | 8                | 8                 |
| Ruscombe ... ..                | 32               | —                  | —                                  | —                       | —                | 32                |
| Shinfield ... ..               | 56               | —                  | 182                                | 44                      | 20               | 302               |
| Sonning ... ..                 | 34               | —                  | 10                                 | —                       | —                | 44                |
| Swallowfield ... ..            | 40               | 2                  | 19                                 | —                       | —                | 61                |
| Twyford ... ..                 | 36               | —                  | 64                                 | —                       | —                | 100               |
| Wargrave ... ..                | 46               | —                  | 10                                 | 26                      | 78               | 160               |
| Winnersh ... ..                | 18               | —                  | 40                                 | —                       | —                | 58                |
| Wokingham Without ... ..       | 16               | 2                  | 12                                 | —                       | 24               | 54                |
| Woodley ... ..                 | 26               | 2                  | 82                                 | 30                      | —                | 140               |
|                                | <hr/> 402 <hr/>  | <hr/> 8 <hr/>      | <hr/> 517 <hr/>                    | <hr/> 112 <hr/>         | <hr/> 192 <hr/>  | <hr/> 1,231 <hr/> |

Further building sites have been or are being acquired, which should eventually provide at least another 300 homes.

## (c) PRIVATE HOUSING STATISTICS.

The Council's Surveyor, Mr. G. R. Tween, A.R.I.C.S., reports that:—

|                                                                                                            |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Total number of plans submitted for consideration during the year ... ..                                   | 840 |
| Number of plans rejected under the Public Health Act, 1936, and Town and Country Planning Act, 1947 ... .. | 29  |
| Number of dwellings (including conversions) completed by private enterprise ... ..                         | 91  |
| Number of houses being constructed under licence at 31/12/52 ... ..                                        | 116 |

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

There are no sites owned by the District Council in this area and it is not the policy of the Council to issue site licences.

Planning approval has been given for the stationing of caravans on a number of controlled sites in the District, the largest of which is in the parish of Finchampstead.

The number of individual licences issued during the year was 195, and in all 222 visits were made. The supervision and licensing procedure occupies a considerable amount of the District Inspectors' time and there is no reason to think that the problem is growing less. The general hygienic conditions on the main sites are quite good, and all are supplied with main water and Elsan closets.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD  
AND FOOD PREMISES.

## MILK AND DAIRIES.

*Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.*

Number on Register:—

|                                                                      |     |     |     |     |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Premises used as Dairies                                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Distributors of Milk                                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| Number of contraventions discovered                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Number of contraventions remedied                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Number of visits to Dairies                                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 |
| Number of Dealers' Licences issued (Tuberculin Tested)               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8  |
| Number of Dealers' Licences issued (Supplementary Tuberculin Tested) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9  |
| Number of Dealers' Licences issued (Pasteurised)                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7  |
| Number of Dealers' Licences issued (Supplementary Pasteurised)       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
| Number of Dealers' Licences issued (Sterilised)                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |

## MILK SAMPLING—ORDINARY SAMPLES.

|                                                     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| No. of samples taken                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 47   |
| No. of samples submitted for Methylene Blue Test:—  |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Satisfactory                                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 32   |
| Unsatisfactory                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5    |
| No. of samples submitted for Phosphatase Test:—     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Satisfactory                                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21   |
| Unsatisfactory                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |
| No. of samples submitted for tubercle examination:— |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Positive                                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil. |
| Negative                                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1    |

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## SCHOOL MILK SAMPLES.

|                                                     |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------|
| No. of samples taken ... ..                         | 34   |
| No. of samples submitted for Methylene Blue Test:—  |      |
| Satisfactory ... ..                                 | 27   |
| Unsatisfactory ... ..                               | 7    |
| No. of samples submitted for Phosphatase Test:—     |      |
| Satisfactory ... ..                                 | 8    |
| Unsatisfactory ... ..                               | Nil. |
| No. of samples submitted for tubercle examination:— |      |
| Positive ... ..                                     | Nil. |
| Negative ... ..                                     | 2    |

Of the twelve samples which failed to satisfy the Methylene Blue Test there is little comment necessary, these being isolated cases only, and after re-sampling were satisfactory. In the case, however, of two school milk samples which failed to satisfy the test, it was again necessary, as in the previous year, to refer the dairymen concerned to the Berkshire County Agricultural Executive Committee, who caused a thorough investigation to be made on the farm concerned.

Agreement with the County Council to avoid overlapping regarding milk sampling has been made. Reports from the Agricultural Education Department showed that twenty-six samples of raw milk from dairies in this area were all returned as negative for tubercle bacilli examination.

## ICE-CREAM.

|                                                    |    |
|----------------------------------------------------|----|
| Number of premises registered for the sale only of |    |
| Ice-cream ... ..                                   | 58 |

In the majority of these premises the ice-cream is supplied by reputable firms and is sold only in a pre-packed condition.

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Number of samples submitted ... .. | 4 |
| Grade 2 ... ..                     | 2 |
| Grade 4 ... ..                     | 2 |

The unsatisfactory samples were taken from itinerant vendors during the Henley Regatta Week. Check-up samples could not be taken but the local authorities in which these vendors had their premises, were notified.

## MEAT.

168 visits were made during the year to butchers' shops in the area and eight pigs (slaughtered privately) were inspected.

From the list of condemned foods it will be noted that 247 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. of home killed beef were condemned owing to bone taint. The Rural District Council took the matter up with The Wholesale Meat Supply Association who gave as a reason for this the emergency killing which had taken place during the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreaks.

UN SOUND FOOD.

|                                     |     |     |     |     |                        |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------------|
| Beef, Home Killed                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 247 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. |
| Mutton, Home Killed                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 „                   |
| Hams, Imported                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 71 $\frac{1}{2}$ „     |
| Pork, English                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 67 „                   |
| Bacon                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ „      |
| Fish                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 54 „                   |
| Margarine                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ „     |
| Cheese                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 „                    |
| Prunes                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 „                    |
| Figs                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 „                    |
| Total: 4 cwt. 42 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. |     |     |     |     |                        |

In addition to the above one sheep and three lamb carcasses were condemned as unfit for human consumption after having been badly mauled by dogs.

TINNED FOODSTUFF.

|               |     |     |     |     |     |                   |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|
| Meat          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 38 tins.          |
| Fish          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 39 „              |
| Fruit         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 78 „              |
| Milk          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 „              |
| Soup          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 „              |
| Vegetable     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 37 „              |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 34 „              |
|               |     |     |     |     |     | <hr/> 258 „ <hr/> |

OTHER FOODS.

BAKEHOUSES.

|                    |     |     |     |     |    |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| No. of Bakehouses  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| No. of Inspections | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |
| Contraventions     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |
| Remedied           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |

SHOP PREMISES.

298 visits were made to shop premises during the year and 83 visits to cafes, restaurants and hotels.

In October 1952, over 100 display cards were delivered to food shops in the area requesting the exclusion of dogs.

No special propaganda work on Food Hygiene in shops was undertaken during the year, but on every occasion of Inspectors' visits to food shops it is a general practice to see that the Food Byelaws are being enforced and many improvements were made during the year.

## WOKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

No major outbreak of infectious disease occurred and the Department was concerned mainly with twenty-six cases of Scarlet Fever, seven cases of Food Poisoning and sixteen cases of Dysentery. Of the seven cases of Food Poisoning five occurred in one family and after full investigation the laboratory were successful in isolating the same type of food poisoning organisms from stools as that from a tin of Pork Brawn which was the causative factor.

Of the sixteen cases of Dysentery investigated, six occurred in one family. In spite of home treatment by the local doctor it was not possible to secure negative results and the cases were finally admitted to the Maidenhead Isolation Hospital.

The number of visits made in connection with infectious disease contacts was two hundred and sixty five.

## DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION.

## DISINFECTION.

Terminal disinfection was carried out in cases of infectious disease. Arrangements are made for steam disinfection at Maidenhead Isolation Hospital for bedding, etc. after contact with tuberculosis, and in certain other conditions, upon payment.

## DISINFESTATION.

The Department were concerned with three unusual flea infestations of a very severe nature, which occurred during the year. It was found that the insecticides which are normally used by the Department had very little effect and it was necessary to obtain a special insecticide before successful results were obtained.

Twenty-six premises were disinfested during the year.

## RODENT CONTROL.

## PESTS ACT, 1949.

This work is carried out through a Joint Rodent Control Committee composed of members of the Wokingham Borough and Rural District Councils. The staff consists of one officer and one operator.

Details of the work carried out in the Rural District during the year are submitted below:—

|                                |     |     |     |     |       |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| No. of complaints received     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 409   |
| Premises inspected             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,436 |
| Re-inspections                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 345   |
| Found infested                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 960   |
| Premises treated               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 944   |
| Premises cleared               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 932   |
| Additional visits re treatment | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,970 |
| Premises treated for Mice      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22    |

The results obtained since the introduction of "Warfarin" have been very encouraging, and it has been possible to carry out the additional duties under the Pests Act in spite of one less operator.

## FACTORIES.

### FACTORIES ACT, 1937, SECTION 34.

Four surveys under this Section for Means of Escape in Case of Fire, were carried out in conjunction with the Chief Fire Prevention Officer to Berkshire. The factories in question were one Aircraft Manufacturing Company, one Pen Company, one Upholstery and one Underground Factory making aircraft components.

The necessary certificates were issued in all cases after various alterations, etc. had been made.

### ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948.

#### 1. *Inspections for Purposes of Provisions as to Health (including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).*

| Premises<br>(1)                                                                                              | M/c<br>line<br>No.<br>(2) | Number<br>on<br>Register<br>(3) | Number of          |                           |                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                                                              |                           |                                 | Inspections<br>(4) | Written<br>notices<br>(5) | Occupiers<br>prosecuted<br>(6) |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..             | 1                         | 12                              | 3                  | —                         | —                              |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...                 | 2                         | 78                              | 18                 | 2                         | —                              |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | 3                         | —                               | —                  | —                         | —                              |
| TOTAL ... ..                                                                                                 |                           | 90                              | 21                 | 2                         | —                              |

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## 2. Cases in which Defects were Found.

| Particulars                                                            | M/c<br>line<br>No. | No of cases in which defects<br>were found |          |                            |                            | Number of<br>cases in<br>which<br>prosec't'ns<br>were<br>instituted |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                        |                    | Found                                      | Remedied | Referred                   |                            |                                                                     |
| (1)                                                                    | (2)                | (3)                                        | (4)      | To H.M.<br>Insp'tor<br>(5) | By H.M.<br>Insp'tor<br>(6) | (7)                                                                 |
| Want of cleanliness ...                                                | 4                  | 1                                          | 1        | —                          | —                          | —                                                                   |
| Overcrowding ... ..                                                    | 5                  | —                                          | —        | —                          | —                          | —                                                                   |
| Unreasonable tempera-<br>ture ... ..                                   | 6                  | —                                          | —        | —                          | —                          | —                                                                   |
| Inadequate ventilation                                                 | 7                  | —                                          | —        | —                          | —                          | —                                                                   |
| Ineffective drainage of<br>floors ... ..                               | 8                  | —                                          | —        | —                          | —                          | —                                                                   |
| Sanitary Conveniences                                                  |                    |                                            |          |                            |                            |                                                                     |
| (a) Insufficient ...                                                   | 9                  |                                            |          | —                          | —                          | —                                                                   |
| (b) Unsuitable or<br>defective ... ..                                  | 10                 | 2                                          | 2        | —                          | —                          | —                                                                   |
| (c) Not separate for<br>sexes ... ..                                   | 11                 | —                                          | —        | —                          | —                          | —                                                                   |
| Other offences (not in-<br>cluding offences re-<br>lating to Homework) | 12                 | —                                          | —        | —                          | —                          | —                                                                   |
| TOTAL ... ..                                                           | 60                 | 3                                          | 3        | —                          | —                          | —                                                                   |

PART VIII OF THE ACT.  
OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

| Nature<br>of<br>Work<br>(1)                | M/c<br>line<br>No.<br>(2) | Section 110                                                                            |                                                                               |                                                                         | Section 111                                                              |                                    |                               |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                            |                           | No. of<br>out-<br>workers<br>in August<br>list req'd<br>by Sect.<br>110 (1) (c)<br>(3) | No. of<br>cases of<br>default in<br>sending<br>lists to the<br>Council<br>(4) | No. of<br>prosecu-<br>tions for<br>failure to<br>supply<br>lists<br>(5) | No. of<br>instances<br>of work in<br>unwhole-<br>some<br>premises<br>(6) | Not-<br>ices<br>serv-<br>ed<br>(7) | Pro-<br>secu-<br>t'ns.<br>(8) |
| Wearing<br>apparel :<br>Making<br>etc. ... | 13                        | 50                                                                                     | —                                                                             | —                                                                       | —                                                                        | —                                  | —                             |
| Furniture<br>& up-<br>holstery             | 18                        | 3                                                                                      | —                                                                             | —                                                                       | —                                                                        | —                                  | —                             |
| TOTAL ...                                  | 70                        | 53                                                                                     | —                                                                             | —                                                                       | —                                                                        | —                                  | —                             |

## MISCELLANEOUS.

## ANTHRAX ORDER, 1938.

Two notifications under this Order were received during the year. One human contact who had handled meat from a pig afterwards found to have died from Anthrax, was visited daily owing to a cut hand. The incubation period, however, was safely passed without any further developments.

## BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

*National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 50.*

Arrangements were made for the burial of two persons under the above Act. It was not possible in either case to obtain any financial contributions from the next-of-kin.

SANITARY MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION  
AT END OF YEAR.

In connection with water supply, an extension of main water supply would afford more benefit to the scattered parish of Hurst than elsewhere in the area.

Although many improvements have been carried out in the rural schools, the drainage in particular at a number of schools requires attention. The Department considers that nothing short of a complete water carriage system is essential in all schools, and efforts are being made to this end.

A district of 10,000 properties with nearly half on cesspool drainage, cannot be considered satisfactory. When one considers that part of the area has a water bearing subsoil, the other clay and the remaining a typical Thames Valley high ground water level, the conclusion of unsatisfactory drainage cannot but be admitted. The Council are aware of the conditions but progress is slow and this matter should be stressed until main drainage is available for the built-up areas of Earley, Woodley, Winnersh and Shinfield.

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